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The 'Haves' and The 'Have Nots'...



Marginal children receiving backpacks and school supplies in the Mezcales Center.

Did you know that close to where we work in Nayarit, Mexico you will find Puerto Vallarta, which was listed #2 among the Top 10 Best Tourist Destinations in the World by Steve Forbes? Vallarta is located on the West Coast of Mexico and is endowed with lush tropical jungles and majestic sea coast mountains, spectacular beauty and world class accommodations. It is nestled in the lap of luxury with its high rise ocean front condominiums, savory restaurants and luxurious marinas. In the midst of this world class playground in Paradise there are multitudes of marginal Mexicans trying to eke out a living. THERE IS A STARK CONTRAST between The 'Haves' and The 'Have Nots'.

Carol and I have dedicated our lives to preach the Good News to the poor and to help them with a hand-up and not just a handout. We invest in bringing lasting change in children's lives through value based education, life skills, love, leadership development, spiritual training, hot meals and community development. The Mexican government has stated that community centers such as we have developed are the greatest factor in fighting the spread of vice and violence in Mexico; helping to prevent the fabric of their culture from tearing and unraveling, giving an alternative to human trafficking and cartel activities.

The scales of social stability rock back and forth in a delicate balance. Together with you our supporters and by God's help we are making an impact on future generations and strengthening the fabric of Mexican society one child at a time. Together we are making a difference.

Together We Touch the World!

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Indian vendor searches through garbage while peddling her trinkets at the Marina.

SAY A PRAYER:

- 1. Pray for the Vida Int'l churches, children, Pastors and Leadership across Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti.
- 2. Pray for health, provision and protection and the expansion of God's Kingdom.
- 3. Pray for God's provision to build church centers on property we have on both sides of the border in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.



Above: Two happy girls who just received backpacks **Below:** Our neighbor in Cardboard-Landia playing a harmonica and begging for tips at Marina Vallarta. His nickname is "Muñeco".

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The 'Haves' and



Puerto Vallarta, Mexico



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