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In A Nutshell

- See some more ministry photos at www.flickr.com/hisministries.
- It's almost spring group time! Easter and Spring breaks are always busy times for us here in Tecate.
- We REALLY depend on your gifts to keep the Center open and operational. Thanks for all your donations and prayers!



Linda hard at work.

We would like to send a BIG thank you to Journey Community Church, all of the children's sponsors, Sara Leisch, Edna Mailey, Jim & Linda Hassad, Jeff Reed, and everyone else who helped us with Christmas. It was wonderful, but different.

It was different because we had to cancel the Christmas Party because of the rain and mud. Instead we delivered the presents house-to-house. It was so much fun! We always carry extra presents because we knew as soon as we pull up all the neighborhood kids would come running.

We had three vehicles altogether and it took us two days, three trips a day. I had gifts in my car, Vero and Julian (managers of the daycare) also had gifts in their car. Jim had 120 big gift bags that Sara Leisch had put together for our kids.

As we made our way around, some of the moms told us about other families who had lots of children and were very poor. On our way to find one of these families (a single mom with five children) we discovered yet another family; a mom, dad and four children. They were living in a tiny little house with a fire burning inside to keep them warm. They were all standing up as they had no chairs and no room for them either. There was a little pot of beans on the fire. That is all they had in the house; and of course, no presents. The husband preaches at a little church that was started by a pastor who left soon after. We think the husband is the only one who can read and write. He makes bricks during the week and preaches on Sunday. It was such a blessing to be able to give them food and gifts for all the children. These were the first Christmas presents any of them had received, including the parents.



A bunch of happy kids at Christmas.

We then went on to find the original family we were looking for. It was raining, extremely windy and very cold. We found them living under a patio with only three walls. They have another room, but it doesn't have glass in the large windows, and no doors. They were attempting to cook on a campfire. They were getting soaked, but had huge smiles on their faces when we pulled up. Word spreads really quickly here, they knew we were looking for them.

The children are so cute. The four little girls all have bright blue eyes. The oldest boy has olive colored eyes. We were so thankful to the Lord that we had plenty of food, clothes and gifts to give out. This family lives on church property and guards it. They don't get paid, but they have a free place to live. Juan, the husband, works at a factory and he is night guard there. He makes less than \$50 a week. Unfortunately, he had his big toe removed due to an infection caused by his wife cutting his toenails. We were very blessed when he showed us the wound.! All in all, it was a very interesting, exciting couple of days.

Life at the Center

It is so much fun at the daycare. My job is still kisses and hugs, I don't think I ever want to retire. Everyday, when we pull up, the kids all come running out for their kisses and hugs, even the older ones.

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We are in a really good routine now, it only took us 14 years! The kids arrive around 7:00 am. They have prayer and song time and breakfast at 8:00. Then the ones who go to school in the afternoon do their homework. The little ones learn colors and numbers. Quite a few of the preschoolers can write their name. This is also a time where they are read Bible stories. At 10:00 they have a fruit snack and a vitamin.

Then it is play time until lunch. Most of the kids play soccer or jump rope. Some of our boys and girls are on the local soccer team. Then at noon they have lunch and the school kids all leave to go to school. All the little ones go down for a nap.

At one o'clock the kids who go to school in the morning all arrive. They have prayer and song time and lunch, then do their homework. At 3:00 it is formal chapel time. All the kids, including the little ones, sit in a big circle on the patio. Some of the moms are there too. They do praise and worship and Bible study for about 30 minutes and then go in to have their final meal of the day. Many of our kids will not eat again until they return to us the following day. On Mondays many of the kids are really hungry and eat more on that day than any other.

Some of the children have become huge prayer warriors. When anyone new comes to visit and they stay to eat, all of the kids want to pray with the new family. They stand around them and pray, some of the prayers really touch our hearts. These children really mean it when they pray! What is so wonderful is that they see God answer their prayers.

The Team

We know this is God's ministry and that we are blessed to be able to be a small part of it. But we couldn't do it without all of you; the child sponsors, MCCA (who bring us food every month), Journey Community Church, Calvary Crossroads, Chapel in the Pines, Southwest Community Church, and friends and family whose hearts have been touched by the people and their conditions here in Tecate, and of course, all the prayer warriors.

It's Your Ministry Too

We apologize for not sending out more thank you letters and keeping you all informed of what is going on here. We honestly could not do this without your help. We know that times are very difficult right now for everyone in the States, but your donation keeps a child safe, fed, clothed, going to school, and most importantly learning about Jesus.

If it wasn't for you many of these children would be lost. They would be hungry, uneducated, and they would be left home alone susceptible to all kinds of abuse. Their lives would be so different. You are making a huge difference with your prayers, support and donations. We thank God for each and everyone of you, and the kids pray for you all every day.

The Wedding

I'm sure you've all heard the news by now - on February 21, Molly and Jon got married! The wedding was absolutely wonderful. Our friend, Daron Williams, from Grants Pass, performed the ceremony. Reception followed afterward at the Soledad Club in La Jolla.

Molly and Jon are currently honeymooning in Kauai.

I'm sure Molly will want to tell you all about it, so I better stop here.



Molly and Jon's first dance.