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NEWS & NOTES SECTION

Greetings in the Name of Jesus A Christmas to Remember

Greetings in the name of Jesus! We hope this short newsletter finds you well. We hope, too, that you've had a great Christmas and are enjoying a wonderful New Year.

As we move from 2010 into 2011, we've made a commitment to stay in better contact with you. It's been hard for us to take the time to sit down and write and format a newsletter as often as we'd like. So, instead of a longer newsletter sent out a couple of times a year, we are going to do shorter ones more often. Our goal is to send out a one page newsletter each month. It'll be filled with stories and photographs of news from Sus Angelitos Center, ministry in the surrounding community, and personal information. We hope you enjoy our first issue.

A Christmas To Remember

Christmas begins, for us, in October. It takes that long to get all the information on the kids that go on the photo ornaments we make for our Giving Tree.



A couple of our little ones enjoy praise and worship before the party.

First, photos of hundreds of kids need to be taken; then printed, cut out and glued on foam blanks that will become the photo ornament that people from churches like

Journey Community Church will take. But before that, they all need to be decorated—by hand. The money that is donated in the child's name will then be used to buy them a present and some food for their family.

This year, we had lots of help. Jim's mom, Norma, spent many long hours decorating ornaments (in addition to wrapping tons of gifts). Andy and Mo Floros helped decorate 100 ornaments, and Linda Hassad and Joni Bosky helped run the ministry booth at Journey. We couldn't have done it without their help.



A big bag of gifts brings on big smiles!

When the day of the Christmas party arrived, the weather looked bad. Rain was imminent, so we cancelled the band and stopped people from the USA from driving down. It looked like the party was to be a somber one.

By noon, though, the rain still wasn't here, so we got the band back and started the festivities. We have 175 children who attend the Center, and when you get them all there at the same time it's a bit chaotic! Throw in lunch, the band, and the excitement of getting a Christmas gift, and, well, let's just say the fun was overflowing!

Every child got a gift from the Giving Tree—things from baby dolls, Legos, and makeup, to remote controlled cars and jewelry. Every single child also received a brand new coat, sweater, or jacket.

And thanks to Dave and Sara Liesch and East Valley Christian Fellowship every child got a large bag filled with personal items (soap, shampoo, undies, toothbrush and paste, candy, and more toys!).

It's impossible to express the joy and excitement of the day in this short letter. We hope the photos here will help. A few more can be seen at www.flickr.com/hisministries/.

Thank you and may God richly bless you in the New Year.



Loaded up with gifts. How is she going to get all that home?

