

# H.I.S. Ministries International

## Serving the People of Mexico

# NEWS & NOTES

### It's Looking Like Christmas!

It's a Party!

A Quick Thanks

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Well, it's actually beginning to look more like someone dumped the Target toy section in the house!

We've had a great response from our Giving Tree Event again this year. There were about 300 kid's photo ornaments on the tree at two churches—Journey Community Church and East Valley Christian Fellowship—most of which have been taken.

If you are unfamiliar with Giving Tree, this is where we place photo ornaments on a Christmas Tree and people sponsor them for Christmas by donating \$30 in their name. We use this money to buy them a gift and to purchase some food for their family.

Anyway, Linda has been very busy shopping for the kids. She left our house Thanksgiving evening and headed to stores in the States for some midnight Black Friday shopping. She spent early Friday morning fighting the crowds for the best deals on gifts for the bigger kids, scoring deals on watches, jewelry, coats, etc.

Linda has been back to the stores several

times. She does a lot of shopping here in Mexico, too. It's easier than trying to cross carloads of gifts into Mexico. Still, despite the house



*There's a living room in there somewhere!*

looking like Toys R Us blew up in the living room, there is a lot of shopping left to do.

### It's A Party!

And you're invited! Friday, December 16 is the date for our annual Christmas party at the Children's Center here in Mexico. We'd like to invite you to join us for the festivities. You'll get to see all the kids receive their presents, listen to some very loud music played live by

some young men from the local churches, and have a generally great time interacting with our kids! Don't worry if you can't speak Spanish. A smile, a hug, or a laugh is universal language!

If you'd like to attend, Chris Rader will be leading a team down. You can call him at Journey Church at 619-464-

4544 for details. Hope to see you here!

### A Quick Thanks

Thanks to everyone who sponsored a child from the Giving Tree this year. Thanks, too, to everyone at EVCF who donated beans, flour, and milk, and thanks to everyone at Journey who purchased items at the Generous Family Night!

And, of course, thanks to all our regular supporters and sponsors!

Merry Christmas to you all!

### Year End Gifts & Receipts

Just a reminder that if you are planning a year end tax gift to H.I.S. Ministries it needs to be dated before December 31 to be eligible as a tax write off for this year.

Also, we will be sending out tax receipts in early January. If you need a receipt earlier than mid-month please let us know.



*The smiling faces of our kids on hand-made ornaments*



*Chuy leads worship at last year's Christmas party*

