

# H.I.S. Ministries International

## Serving the People of Mexico

# NEWS & NOTES

### The Giving Tree A Look Back Praises & Prayers

It's almost Christmas! This year sure rushed by, didn't it? We hope your year was as great as ours.

### The Giving Tree

Last month we held our annual Giving Tree event at Journey Community Church and East Valley Christian Fellowship. This year we had over 350 kids in need of a sponsor. Almost every one was taken the first week the trees were up.

Linda has been busy shopping for the kids, going non-stop. She's filled the house with toys, coats, and other items. It's beginning to look like Toys-R-Us around here!

All this comes together when we have our annual Christmas party for the kids, which will be held at the Children's Center on December 18. The party starts at 11:30. There



will be a band, great food, lots of kids, presents, and songs from the kids. Everyone is invited, so we hope to see you

here. Please call or e-mail Bonnie Henderson at 619-857-3083 / bonniehenderson1@cox.net for carpool/caravan information.

### A Look Back

We wanted to take a few moments and look back at 2017. I think each year here is better than the last. More people are getting involved and the Children's Center continues to grow.

I think the highlight, again, of the year was when Journey held their fifth annual Summer Fun Camp with us. We were blown away by the number of people involved, giving up their time to spend four or five days here, ministering to the neighborhood kids. They are

all still talking about it and can't wait until next year's camp!

Earlier this year we were threatened with re-possession of half of the ministry property, but were given the option to purchase it outright. To be honest, we panicked a little. We sent out letters and you came to the rescue. In a little over two months we raised the needed funds. The purchase was put on hold for a time due to some governmental issues, but has resumed. We hope to have final news soon.



Todd Clarke having fun

We had many visits from people in the States this year. Some were to visit their sponsored kids, others were to work around the ministry site, and still others were to bless the kids and neighborhood with gifts of food, clothes, or shoes. Thank you for giving up your time and

money to share Christ with others in need!

Personally, we welcomed Gemma, our third grandchild by our daughter Molly into the world! She sure is a cute little thing!

### Praises & Prayers

As always, please continue to lift our safety, health, and finances up in prayer. Also, the ministry really needs more child sponsors, which supports the day-to-day operation of the Children's Center.



Giving Tree results...Happy faces!

Please remember to have any year-end gifts to H.I.S. Ministries dated and postmarked by December 31. We've had an expensive few months, so your extra gifts will be most helpful.

Merry Christmas to you all and thank you for your gifts, prayers, and friendship! We love and appreciate you all!

