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CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS at Familias at the Dump

During the holidays, volunteers generously donated children's toys for Christmas and King's Day gifts. A local Toys-for-Tots drive delivered 75 toy trucks and motorcycles for the boys and 100 stuffed teddy bears for girls. Another restaurant in Puerto Vallarta collected toys and donations for us. Tourists and volunteers brought Barbie dolls, lotions, and candy to fill treat bags. We could never have done this without the the love and extreme generosity of people who care. Thank you, thank you!



New Year's Eve: Over 130 children were treated to 25 pizzas which were brought in by the Anderson Family of California. During lunch, Mr. Anderson played holiday and Mexican songs on his accordion to the delight of the children.



King's Day: On Monday, January 6, we celebrated King's Day with the children. They engaged in lots of fun activities and games for the celebration, including jump rope, basketball relays, tag and hula-hoop games, and Lotteria, with prizes of small chocolates, their favorite! For lunch, the children enjoyed tuna tostadas, another favorite. The special King's Day cake was made by a local baker and not one crumb was left after feeding the entire group! After all the fun, the children lined up by ages and received a gift and bag of treats. Thanks to the many generous donations, the children truly enjoyed this extra-special day and went away with full bellies and happy hearts.



On-Going Needs: We are so thankful to the Sponsors who support education and improved life for children at the Mission. A \$250 Sponsorship of one child provides the child's annual school registration fee, a set of school uniform clothes and shoes, a backpack filled with school supplies, and medical appointments the child requires. Throughout the year, we are always grateful to receive items that must be replenished as the children grow. These items include: school supplies, backpacks, sports shoes, children's underwear and socks, shorts and shirts, toothbrushes, and first aid supplies. Thinking ahead for next year's King's Day celebration, we try to set aside soccer balls, Barbie dolls, stuffed animals, and baby toys.

OUR CONTINUED GRATITUDE to Winnie & Henry Geisbrecht for over 24 years of love, service, and commitment to this community. With their vision, the cycle of poverty for this entire community has been interrupted and put on a forward path to literacy and hope. Their work has led to a profound life change for hundreds of people who now see a bright future filled with possibilities.

