



I don't know about you but I hate the cold. I hate the way my fingers freeze, my toes freeze, my cheeks...I'm so happy to get in front of a fire or heater and have some blankets over me, as we say in English "to get in from the cold" We are blessed in the United States with well-constructed homes and great heating. Just imagine if you couldn't "get in from the cold" because you lived out in the streets.

In the mountains of Mexico at 7800 feet elevation there is no escaping that biting cold that digs like daggers into your toes. You have no socks, your footwear are sandals, sandals that you wear year round, not just on a trip to the beach. Your image of Mexico might be of a southern climate; I've had that same thought. Now that I have been up in the mountains many times I have realized it doesn't matter if you live south of Texas, 7800 feet is freezing cold in the winter!

Two months ago we gave Uncle Marcos and Aunt Meche, our Directors in our Guachochi orphanage extension, a much needed two day rest. When they arrived in the town of Creel, they ran into a police officer who excitedly exclaimed "aren't you two the Directors of a children's home in Guachochi"? This opened up a conversation. The officer cried out with compassion "I know two children, Ceci and Ricardo, living in the streets, with no shelter, blankets and barely any clothing. They have been abandoned by their mother and father, their grandmother, an alcoholic living in a nearby cave, can't take care of them. If you don't take them into your home they will probably freeze to death in the next couple of weeks" When this conversation took place winter was fast approaching and they knew that this was the truth.

Even though they were both exhausted and taking their first rest in several months, the compassion of the Lord came upon them and they went looking for the children. Marcos and Meche knew we had reached the limit of children that we were able to take in, but they pleaded with us and how could we say no when they asked? This was not a matter of convenience; it was a matter of life and death. "We will make room, somehow" said Marcos and Meche.

As we are writing this letter Mama Rosa got in touch with Tio Marcos and he told us there are two more children out on the streets, in the cold of February, with no place to go. When we took the previous two children we didn't have any room, even less so now. But how can we say no?! Of course we said yes and took them in.

It may seem like I'm begging or pumping up emotion to get you to give but this is real life. We cannot keep taking children in to our current facility. We want to make the best out of what we have but we desperately need a larger facility. Will you pray for us and will you help the children in the mountains of Guachochi by giving what you have? Like the Widows offering, she put two very small copper coins in as an offering (today the equivalency is about two pennies) but she gave what she had out of her heart, Luke 17.

Can you imagine your own son being out in the cold weather with no one to watch over him, no one to speak out on behalf of him, no one to care for him? Jesus is asking you this very question "what if this was your child?" This is what the Lord is saying about the Ricardo's and Ceci's... **"THIS IS MY CHILD!"**

Matthew 25:35-36 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me...

Thank you always for all of your giving and prayers.

Ed and Rosa Salo

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