



Praises for safe arrival to Lily of the Valley orphanage, Chihuahua



Lily teaches the kids to focus on the world, praying for orphanages and workers worldwide.



Ed and Rosa Salo founded the orphanage in 1995 and remain committed to the children and ministry, though Rosa suffered a stroke, heart attack and broken hip just prior to COVID hitting.



The arrow points to Rosa now as she recovers from paralysis and weight loss. Her first words to us this trip were “God is so good.” It is difficult, but she does her therapies and trusts God though she is normally a “doer” and this is very hard for her. Thanks for your prayers for Rosa.



Soon after arrival, they loaded up the children and staff from both orphanages to head to the mountain orphanage in Guachochi. God spared all with getting a vehicle fixed before leaving. We took a lot of food, clothes and other necessary things with us for the time there.



Many of us at the sign welcoming us to the small city in the mountains.



Praises for a safe journey with rough roads and altitude sickness (some also car sickness) through beautiful scenery.



The boys' dorm: think summer camp



Girls' dorm



We met on the porch of the dining room for the Bible program as they were preparing for a quinceanera that afternoon.



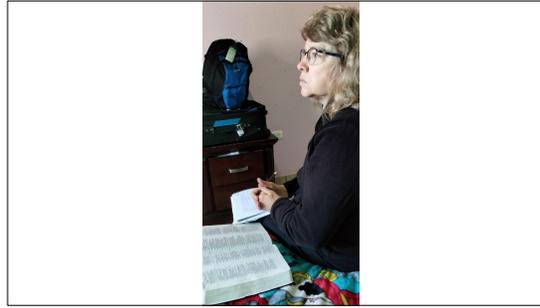
Cacho (Israel) is now speaking and singing praise songs! We had never heard him speak before during our visits -- God is working and healing. He was brain damaged from beating before he came to Lirio many years ago, scaring many with his loud noises and touching others -- all much better.



Tia Cristi has served in Guachochi for 5 years, leading devotionals, cooking, serving as Dorm Mom to girls and many other responsibilities.



Kelsi is the daughter of Tia Kristi, who both left when we did to return to family in Tijuana. Tia grew up at Lirio 1 there and is taking time now for her daughter to go to a school to prepare her to study medicine. Many former kids now serve and minister to younger kids.



We relied on God throughout the day to keep us going and appreciate your prayers so much for the work He accomplished.



Younger kids trying to practice the verse songs for prizes.



Tio Cesar who leads in Guachochi, washing clothes and Dorm Dad to boys among many other responsibilities



Each morning the kids rise early to pray and listen to a devotional. The kids lead in prayer and worship songs.



Lupita is just learning to read Spanish and count past 10. The Tarahumara often don't send kids to school so miss learning Spanish and education.



Practicing basic counting and addition



Kenay is also just beginning school and has difficulty remembering things. Tio said the majority of the kids deal with fetal alcohol syndrome.



Julian has been at Lirio since a baby. Even with many learning and physical difficulties, he enjoys life and coloring.



Abril enjoyed the games and trying to do all the things bigger kids did



Dalia has been to Bible Institute in Chihuahua and serves at Guachochi. Her younger sisters live there also. Here she is explaining to me her Tarahumara culture and beliefs. She was raised Christian.



Lucia and brother Belacio at her quinceanera. Three years ago she came to Lirio at the same time we were visiting, not knowing any Spanish. She has developed and grown in so many ways and is an encouragement to others like Lupita. Belacio was always wanting more challenges educationally and growing in his faith



Noema has had much more responsibility since Rosa's illness and is tired. She has worked with Lirio for 20 years now, her parents joining her there in Chihuahua as cook and abuelos.



The kids enjoyed a pool day with a train



Pic of the boys at Tio Joab's birthday cake



Girls' turn with Tia Margarita on the left, Tia Mayesela in the center. Lizat (pink shirt) was part of Deanne's "summer school" class when she went alone a couple summers in '14 and '15. Lizat will now start university studying criminal justice.



The kids (& Tio) love soccer/futbol and Larry got to play with them one afternoon.



This was a breakfast which we have learned to eat completely daily as it can be a very long time till lunch



On the way back to Chihuahua we stopped to let off a couple of the kids to visit an aunt who came walking with her baby to pick them up to walk back to her home in the mountains. The vans have been donated to the orphanage.



Immigration line on the way back -- we made our connecting flight! Thanks for all the prayers for the COVID tests which went well on the first try.



Faith-stretching time: beautiful views after we suffered horrible roads, headaches and sickness to get to there.