



"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise." Mother Teresa.

In the midst of all of our contacts and labors in the Chihuahua mountains this past year, it came to our attention that many of the Indian children up high in the mountains, close to our orphanage, never have received a Christmas gift. As Christmas approached the Lord put such a burden of compassion on our hearts for these children.

For these children Christmas was just another day. "Christmas day" for them was simply surviving with little food (just corn) and clothing on their backs (not warm jackets, just clothing and some with no shoes). The Lord placed it in our heart to tell them in "...word and action", Book of James, the true meaning of Christmas. Jesus loves you and wants to live in your heart! We wanted to say that in words but also with food, packs of candy and gifts for each child.

For these children a gift, which we Americans can take for granted, was an incredible luxury.

We joined together with Mayor's Offices of Guachochi. We started in October contacting churches and schools in the city of Chihuahua for people who were willing to give us gifts and money for food which we transported up to the mountains. The children in our Lily of the Valley Orphanage here in Chihuahua also gave generously. Despite the generosity of the people here in the city, by the day of the event we only had 900 gifts and we were expecting possible 1500 children. We prayed fervently "Lord, don't let a single child be turned away without a gift". What we meant by that prayer was "Lord, let only 900 children come to the event". The Lord made Himself ready for a big rebuke for our lack of faith.

When we arrived at the gymnasium in Guachochi our hearts sunk. The place was packed and more and more children were still coming in. Anahi, the social worker, told me "Ed I gave up counting at 1250 children". Fear gripped us and we prayed once again "Lord, don't let a single child be turned away without a gift". Ten minutes later our hearts leaped as Anahi told us "don't worry; we are going back to the Mayor's Office for 600 more gifts"!

Praise God! Every child heard the message of Salvation in Jesus, received a big meal, a bag of candy and their own gift. Our hearts were thrilled but at the same time broken as we saw many children with devastating skin diseases that were almost like leprosy and many children barefooted who walked many hours to reach the gymnasium early in the morning to receive a gift.

At the end of the event the most devastating thing happened as one child approached us dirty, with sandals made out of tires, a runny nose, and tears in his eyes asking us to take him with us, even crawling into our car. This boy had no one to look after him and we were told he spent a lot of time in the streets. We now have a desire to look further into how we can legally get this child to our home so he is properly cared for.

The needs in the mountains are heart rending and have motivated us to work even harder with the Lily of the Valley extension there. As you read this it is the beginning of a New Year and our prayer is that it's also the beginning of a new fire in your heart for this cause. God has placed it in our hearts that we are raising God's little army of His children up there in the mountains and here in Chihuahua. But in order to raise this army we need Generals, Lieutenants, and people who are willing to leave it all to help mentor these children. This is the future of Mexico. "A life not lived for others is not a life." Mother Teresa.

Please contact us if one of your New Year's Resolutions is to volunteer time for this cause, please pray for God's Will and to supply \$217,000 more to move this project forward. Praise God, He has already given us \$50,000!

Have a wonderful and Blessed New Year!

Ed and Rosa Salo

How can you support us?

If you feel lead by the Lord to support this ministry, donations can be made to our San Diego office, marked Lirio Chihuahua or Lirio Guachochi. Thank you!

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Our Mission: Showing God's love as a Father to the fatherless, seeing children's lives changed by this love and then sending these children out to serve the rest of the world.

Because of God's love and the generosity of people like you, we have been able to reach out to hundreds of children, changing their lives, encouraging dreams and creating men and women of the Lord, with a future where they always strive for excellence.

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