

niños DE MEXICO

JANUARY 2019

YOU are an integral part of helping to transform children's lives. Thank YOU for partnering with us to WELCOME IN children who need to know and feel the love of Christ EVERY DAY.

NEW CHILDREN AT NIÑOS



Luna and Francisco were welcomed into the Niños family in mid-December. They had been in a temporary home in Mexico City for several months while investigations were being held about all that had taken place in their lives.

They arrived in time to start adapting to their new families and to celebrate Christmas. All of our families were together for New Years Eve, so they were able to spend time together as well.

They have both started school and are looking forward to a great semester.

MONEY FOR VANS

God's provision through a new supporting church

A few months ago, we realized the time was fast approaching when we would be needing two new vans. Once vehicles reach a certain age in México, they are heavily restricted. Each week there is one day that it cannot be driven and two Saturdays each month.

Picture this. You are raising 12 to 15 kids and the weekend arrives. Where can we go with the kids this weekend? Church, grocery shopping and a fun activity are things that come immediately to mind. The alternative? Stay cooped up in the house all weekend and discover how quickly and easily a group of kids can get bored! Your imagination should be giving you an idea of just how important it is for the house parents at Niños de México to have good, dependable transportation that is not restricted.

This last year, we became acquainted with the First Christian Church in Fairfield, Illinois. The congregation started supporting Niños de México when Caleb Higginbotham (previously Niños staff) started working as the children's minister. His wife, Diana Gallegos grew up at Niños with her siblings. The church has rapidly become interested in the work of Niños de México and are already signed up for a short term trip in 2019. We were able to meet with their missions committee and shared the need for vans with them. Their response was overwhelming. They

have provided \$20,000 towards the purchase of a van! Praise the Lord!

\$15,000 was also provided for the second van which will be used by the Casa de Niños house. (See the article in this newsletter regarding Casa's move to the city of Puebla!)



Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

Psalm 27:10

CASA DE NIÑOS MOVES TO PUEBLA

God's blessings overflow

Throughout 2018, our Mexico leadership had been advising Kevin and Andrea Bult, along with Bruce Keller and Sparrow Ministries, on starting a children's home in Mexico. They had been working diligently for nearly two years to open the home but continually faced obstacles.

Just a few months ago, this team decided to offer the home to us and asked us how long before we could fill the home with children! The home is located in the city of Puebla, which is about two hours from our other homes, making it a great location for the Casa de Niños boys.

God is good:

- Paperwork has been completed that will allow us use of the house for the next five years without rent.
- The organization that approached us has sent money to buy a vehicle for the family.
- Sparrow Ministries provided the resources for the final remodel needed.
- The boys were able to celebrate Christmas in their new home!
- The boys started school January 9th in a nearby Christian school.



The new Casa de Niños house

- The boys will be able to have more contact with their sisters as they will live much closer.
- A Christian church, Mosaic, is just over ten minutes from the home.

God has blessed us with many people, organizations, and churches who want to make a difference in the lives of the children of Mexico. We are excited to partner with each of you to help transform the life of each child that God leads our way. We want to be faithful to bless these children with a new hope and a new future!

Steve

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Memory of:

- Marcella Lowe** by John & Janette Allen
Ellen Willoughby by John & Janette Allen
Adam Sinclair by John & Janette Allen
Neil Knight by John & Janette Allen
Leon Williams by Mark & Kathy Matthews
Pete Shannan by Kay Schink and Clint Schink & family
Phyllis Matlack by Rick & Lynn Kroening
Wayne Dunn by Jim & Nancy Batterson, John & Toni Guenther, Ron & Jane Cowan, Eric & Beverly Giebler, Gene & Beverly Roberson, Georganna & John Carter, Alfred & Genevieve Marquart, Francis & Judy Cook, Judy & James Weiser, Terry & Judith Canupp, Bruce & Susan Liggett, Stephen & Deborah Watson, Kent & Donna Baker, Mark & Kathy Matthews, and Joy Chartrau
Deborah Stock & Clifford Stock by Joyce Stock
Katherine "Kat" Chapman by Joy Chartrau

In Honor of:

- Elliott French** by Bruce French
Marilyn Holley by Sandra Peppard
Leon & Mamie Jackson by Oscar Magana
Dean Austin by Oscar Magana

CHARTER BOARD MEMBER PASSES AWAY

John "Wayne" Dunn of Washington, Missouri passed away Tuesday, January 1, 2019 in St. Louis, MO. Wayne was a charter board member of Niños de México. He served on the Ninos Board for approximately 15 years and was instrumental in getting Niños off the ground. Please keep his wife, Helen, and the family in your prayers.

A wonderful Christmas season!

Celebrating the birth of Jesus

The holiday season is always an exciting time of the year and this Christmas was no exception. Many of our kids celebrated Christmas for the first time this year thanks to you and your generosity.

The houses were all decorated as each family celebrated the birth of the King of kings! Our prayer is that you were able to enjoy this time with your family and friends, as we all celebrated the baby in the manger who grew up to be the Savior of the world!

Thank you for helping make Christmas a special time in the lives of each of the children that God has brought our way.



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LET THE ANGELS REJOICE!

Recent baptisms

It was a great day of rejoicing as **Alexa and Leslie** from the Agape home, **Brenda and Maria de la Luz** from the Bethel home, along with three others from the Valle de Esperanza church, were baptized on December 2.

That same day, the church body in Contla had a day of celebration as they headed to a nearby river and waterfall to baptize **Gerardo** into Christ.

We are also happy to announce that **Emilio** was baptized on January 6th! This is a huge blessing as many prayers have been said on his behalf, and now he and these other precious young people are part of the family of God!

Please keep each one in your prayers as they begin to live their lives for Christ!



Hector, Pedro, Denisse, Alexa, Leslie, Brenda and Maria de la Luz



Gerardo, baptized in Zautla, Puebla