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Learning Experiences for Orphanage and Migrant Children

May you all have a Blessed Christmas Season

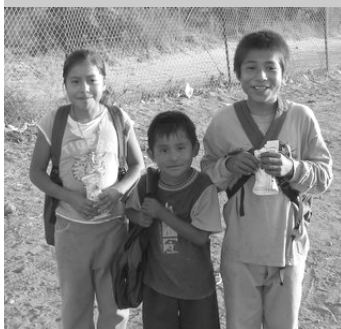
We give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed on us during this year and for your lives, your friendship and the support you have shown to Genesis. Your support affects the lives of many orphanage and migrant children who join in the Genesis Diez, A.C. programs, the migrant community and missionaries who are enrolled in the helping hands program.

As we see God's wonders at work in and through us, we must all remember the Glory and recognition must go to HIM, for the Lord provides all things. We thank all of you for sharing what God has provided to you, with those in need.

Children are in school now because of your gifts... many more will go to school as birth certificates arrive. Summer camp weeks were filled with kids even when mission teams were not able to be there. Our special needs kids, Margarita, Manuel and Omar are receiving the necessary medicines, diapers, nutrition, therapy and one-to-one caregivers they need so desperately. Big Events are being held so that a greater number of children can come together to be kids and have a special day just for them. Poor migrant families are receiving food and necessities to survive. A chicken coop is now a kindergarten - due to your sharing of gifts, time and talents.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ let us remember to be a light for Him and that a candle must not be set under a basket, but on a candlestick, that it may give light to all who are in the house. Men must see and know your Joy, and seeing it, know without doubt, that it springs from trust in Him, from living with Him. May we show the Strength and Joy that only Christ can provide, even in the adverse times that are coming to pass. We thank the Lord for all He has done, all that He is doing and all that He will do in the coming days. Glory be to God.

Our warmest Christmas greetings to you all. ~ Genesis Diez, A.C. Staff



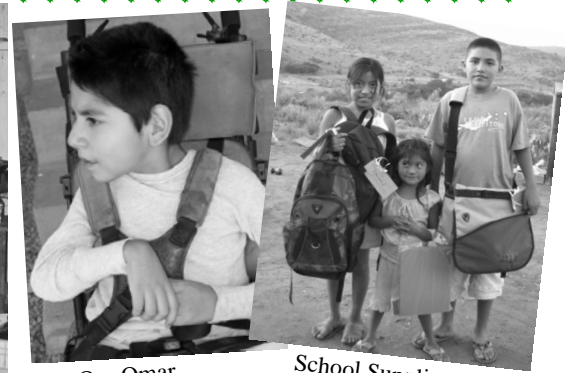
Receiving school supplies, uniform & shoes



Summer Camps - tide pooling and soccer



Palmera receives backpack



Our Omar

School Supplies !



Palmera with family - all happy she and brother Luis are going to school



VBS crafts



Receiving 'Bears by Maddie' at Big Event

Kneel before the Babe of Bethlehem. Accept the truth that the Kingdom of Heaven is for the lowly, the simple.

Bring to Jesus, the Christ-child, your gifts, truly the gifts of earth's wisest.

The Gold—your money
Frankincense—the adoration of a holy life.

Myrrh—your sharing in His sorrows and those of the world.

“And they presented unto Him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.”

~ God Calling

Happenings ...

- **Feb 21, 2009 ~ 3rd Annual GIOF Gala** at Tom Ham's Lighthouse in San Diego.
- Baja Ca Governor's wife [Head of State Social Services] requested that Genesis Diez, A.C. assist them with an event for orphanages held in Tecate October 18th (1re Rally Convivencia para Casas Hogar del Estado). Genesis served 1400 meals and offered a mural painting activity.
- 259 migrant children and 104 amigos from Bethany Church Long Beach participated in the Genesis Diez, A.C. 3rd Annual Los Colores de Mis Sueños (The Colors of My Dreams) October 25th in El Pipila.
- 179 orphanage & migrant children participated in the Genesis Diez, A.C. 4th Annual Vivan Los Niños Nov 15th in Ensenada.
- 12 more birth certificates have been received from the many being processed - most of the children receiving birth certificates are part of our Into School Program.
- On Sept 20th we celebrated the marriage of Genesis missionary 'Hapa' Phillips to Lupita Sanchez. Lupita's son, 6 yr old Gabo is pretty happy with his new dad :)
- In October Genesis Diez was blessed with the arrival of Eunice Lee from VA who will be serving with Genesis as a missionary for one year.
- PASSPORTS will be needed by June 2009 to enter Mexico by land for those persons 16 and older. Go to http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html for all updates. Currently according to this site, U.S. and Canadian citizens who are 15 years old or younger will still be allowed to travel with a birth certificate.

We understand there are many needs in the world you can give toward and that times are tough. We rejoice when you decide to give to Genesis. This page offers a variety of ways you can help:

Toy Give-Away

Sponsor a special needs child

Genesis programs including Camps for kids

Helping Hands for Missionary support

Prayer

MUCHAS GRACIAS!!!!



Please Sponsor a Special Needs Child...

Genesis Diez, A.C., through a pilot program with DIF, is now caring for special needs children. We are in great need of monthly sponsorships for these children. There are medicines, diapers and special foods purchased every month. Individual loving caretakers have been hired for these children to receive one-on-one attention.

Please consider sending a monthly amount of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or any other amount you can, to help with the necessities for these special children to survive and thrive.

E-mail any questions you may have to oficina@genesisdiez.org. When you sponsor a child, we will e-mail you a profile of the child and their special needs.

Please keep these children in your prayers for their comfort and well being. Pray for the caretakers who are exceptional people in their endeavor of love.

TOY GIVE-AWAY IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

New unwrapped toys and baby items Newborn - 13yrs

The Genesis Diez, A.C. office will become a CHRISTMAS STORE

December 16 -18th where FREE Christmas toys and baby items will be displayed. Orphanage Directors and Staff will be invited to come by and pick out gifts for their own personal children. Orphanage Directors and Staff are often overlooked when donations come into their orphanages during the holidays. We want to show our appreciation for all of their hard work and offer these free gifts for their own children.

Then on January 11th there will be toys and baby items given out to approximately 100 poor migrant children, celebrating Mexico's **KINGS DAY** [when the 3 wise men (Kings) brought gifts to Jesus].

Drop off your toys and/or baby items by December 14th

Contact Bob Lemke in San Diego at 619-410-3524 or 619-472-0471 as to where you can drop off your items.