

“¡Blanca, Blanca! Sabes que? ¡Tengo a Jesús en mi corazón!” These were the words of excited, 6-year-old María to Blanca, a recent visitor here at the orphanage. Translated, this means “Blanca, you know what? I have Jesus in my heart!” **Praise God! This is the reason we do this ministry!** This fills us with joy and satisfaction—knowing that the majority of the children who have lived here at Rivers of Mercy Children’s Home know Christ as their personal Savior and truly understand what this means. After much time and effort spent teaching them the fundamentals of the gospel, it is truly rewarding for us to pray with them to receive Christ and help them grow in their relationship with Him.



Doing a craft for our Bible lesson

We are excited that over the past several months we have been able to increase the number of children we can care for here at the orphanage. We’ve been averaging about twenty children, but currently have seventeen—four boys and thirteen girls (the boys are quite outnumbered!!), all ages 2-7. A big reason why we have been able to receive more children is because the Lord has recently blessed us with an abundance of full-time volunteer help! Thank you to Mary (Alb.), Rachel (Alb.), Evan (Canada), and Danny & Lily (Chihuahua City) for their willingness to help here for extended periods of time. Mary and Rachel work tirelessly all day cooking, cleaning, doing laundry, sewing school uniforms, etc. It has been exciting to meet all of Mary’s friends, family, and supporters, many who have already come down to see the orphanage. We look forward to their involvement in this ministry. Evan is a young man from Canada who will be here with us until next summer. He will be doing lots of construction projects like completing the playground, building shelves, fixing the bunk beds, etc. Finally, Danny and Lily are a young couple who are friends of ours from here in Mexico. They are in charge of the kids in the evenings, which includes picking them up from school, feeding them dinner, helping them with homework, showering them, and putting them to bed. This gives Emmis and I a needed break in the evenings.



Grandma (Mary) with Juanita on the day she left



All of the kids at the park with Emmis, Lily, & Danny

Emmis continues to meet with our accountant here trying to settle some things with the Mexican government. He has also been working with the parents of some of our children (not from DIF), trying to help them out in their difficult situations. As for me (Kristin), all of my hard work teaching the children school here at the orphanage every morning is finally paying off, as about five of the kids are beginning to read and write on their own! I am absolutely thrilled and the kids are very excited as well! They can’t wait until it’s time to write in

their journals. I am also beginning to investigate the requirements for the orphanage to become certified as a school. We are in no hurry, but would like to begin the process, as things like this may take years here in Mexico. Our nine-month old son Joel is doing great and is as mischievous as ever! He absolutely loves “running” around the orphanage in his walker!

Thank you all for your continued prayers, support, and desire to help. For those of you who do not yet do so, we ask that you prayerfully consider financially supporting the ministry of the children’s home on a regular basis. This will enable us to continue touching more and more children’s lives with the love of Christ and guiding them to begin a relationship with Him that will last for eternity.

With love,

Emmis, Kristin, & Joel Robles



Joel and his bottle!