

# NEWSLETTER

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## Mexico - Christmas Backpacks for Kids

This was our 14th year of our “Christmas Backpacks for Kids” in Mexico! We delivered 2,722 backpacks to smiling faces and happy hearts! We started this ministry in 2011 with only 80 backpacks! We thank all the churches, businesses, and individuals that make this ministry possible! We couldn’t do it without you!



## Vision de Amor Children’s Home



With hearts full of gratitude, we want to thank Bridge Builder for the Cross and Young Living Stones for all their continued support and love you always show. Your dedication and generosity make a huge difference in our lives.

We especially appreciated the delicious meal. It was a real feast we enjoyed a lot. But, beyond the food, what we really value is the love and warmth that always accompany us. Thank you for being a beacon of light and hope for us!



## Cuba

### **Food Containers**



We shipped a container of black beans in October and a container of rice in December. We receive these responses, "Yesterday we received beans at the church, and everybody was very happy! At least we will have beans and rice to the end of the year!" and "These are the tastiest beans I have ever eaten!"

### **Youth Ministry**

A very creative and unique youth ministry has been born from one of the churches in Western Cuba and we have been privileged help support it! They write, "We give glory to God for allowing us to be at the Abel Santamaria Hospital today, bringing 40 lunches to patients and workers in need. We also handed out tracts, shared the gospel and prayed for many people. It was an experience we will never forget."



**Lunch preparation for the hospital**

And they have been witnessing in their neighborhood, "It was a time of great joy where we were able to not only share free coffee and soda, but also share the gospel to many in need of hope and God's love. To God be the glory."

## Bible Distribution

### **Prisons**

In Texas, "We held a big baptism this past Thursday at the Eagle Pass Detention Facility. Where I baptized 49 inmates! A young man asked me yesterday, "How can I talk to my wife about Jesus; God has now turned my life around and I want that for my wife too." -Chaplain Lentz, GEO Group, Inc. Eagle Pass Facility

In Oklahoma, "We have 5 members of EXandUs Ministry going to Lexington AR Prison every Monday sharing the gospel cell to cell. Four inmates who are students of the Oklahoma Baptist University extension degree program go with us as interns also sharing the gospel. Since February 2023, 532 prisoners have prayed to receive Christ! Last week we added 12 men to the list! We thank Bridge Builders for the Cross for providing the Bibles. Every cell in the AR section has at least one Bible." -Dr. Steve Kern

### **Around the Globe!**



Recently we sent funds to our Panama brothers and sisters for a local Bible distribution. They bought 550 Bibles and distributed them in fire stations, police stations, a women's evangelistic service, and street evangelism. Praise the Lord!



**Children's Bibles distributed for Christmas in India.**