

# GDC

## Gracia del Calvario (Vista del Valle)

Tent church growing .....



Christmas was wonderful! So many blessings, so many kids and sooooo much work. But praise God for those that come to Mexico to put on parties, feed people, give gifts, build houses and help start the construction of the new building. Over 400 gifts for kids were distributed in December and one day we had three big parties. In the morning, 75 kids from the lunch kitchen received hot dogs, piñata, cake and gifts. They were so quiet and humble and appreciative. What a blessing to have enough to provide for them. In the afternoon another 70 kids who attend the church had the same celebration and in the evening about 35 teenagers came for carne asada, the Word of God and gifts. Wow what a day! (I didn't attend the 3rd party - ha!) Another 100 gifts went to kids in the community.

(LOT OF PICTURES OF CHRISTMAS, LUNCH KITCHEN & TENT CHURCH AT

<http://pesina.weebly.com/monthly-photos.html>)

Baja Christian Ministries and Club Dust ministry both sent teams to build six houses for families in our church who were living in shacks. They have also been referring other families to our Sunday services. The people are grateful and want to know Jesus and the Word of God. Without these peripheral ministries coming alongside I would often feel if my hands were tied in regard to helping the poor. To be able to meet people on spiritual ground and also show that that we care about their physical needs is a double blessing!

Since we moved into the tents we have seen more hunger for God than ever before and new people have received Jesus! The tents are packed every Sunday and Thursday and the women's bible studies have about 15+ at each study. Last night we had 13 babies in the tiny nursery in the kitchen. They were all happy and playing with the toys which are especially fun for them. Thirty of

our youth attended a youth concert with "Mar Adentro" in Rosarito and had a great time until the bus we rented broke down and the teens did not get home until almost midnight! Please pray for a larger vehicle as we are transporting many people to the services from 2 miles away, making two trips per service in a stuffed 15 passenger van.

Jose Luis is working hard supervising and teaching concrete construction for the retaining wall, teaching men's bible study on Tuesday, all church bible study on Thursday and Sunday services. As the ministry grows, so does the administrative needs such as receipts, emails, photo albums, etc. I am also training up ladies and youth to serve in the kids ministry and teaching women's bible study at two locations (Vista del Valle and Antorchista) Javier scored top of the class on his December report card and is enjoying Taekwondo and improving his English daily.

Our new worship leader, Felipe, has come on board full time and serves in in youth ministry, light construction, electrical and is a blessing to the ministry. Guadalupe is growing and learning all the time and teaches youth on Thursday nights. The construction site and the rented ministry site have to be guarded 24/7 by these two guys.

It is our joy to be here in Mexico doing what God has shown us. We covet your prayers for safety and provision as there is spiritual opposition which occurs whenever a ministry flourishes. Nehemiah 6. Thank you for standing with us in prayer and holding us up. Thank you for the many who donate their finances and time to see this ministry continue. James 1:2 "count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience." All to the glory of God!

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