

Merry Christmas 2006 from the Saracoffs & Team Tijuana



Christmas season in Mexico is longer than the States because the Mexican people also celebrate "Dia de los Reyes" on January 6 as the day the kings brought gifts to baby Jesus, who is the Best of all Gifts!

Thanks to you who have prayed and given during the year!



Our Tijuana Team wants to wish you a Merry Christmas. Napoleon is on the other side of the camera (think of him when you see the empty chair). As a group we are asking God's blessing for Tijuana and for unity as we witness to the city. In the photo are representatives of Esperanza Drug Rehabilitation, El Refugio Home for the Elderly, and Campo de Fe (home for the sick and broken). Samuel, who ministers to pastors, and Chela, Jorge, and Bernardo, who minister to children, also are pictured.



Esperanza has expanded its work among women this year with their rehab growing to over 30. This is in addition to its 100 men. The kids in the Esperanza soccer program made us proud by winning their tournament. The Home for the Elderly has exceeded 90. Chela has started a new children's club on the north side of the city dump with the community offering us land for a youth center there.

As members of our team, these are your accomplishments also! The physical and spiritual efforts to reach the needy in a place where poverty and corruption reign is a daunting task. We appreciate you—our Team Tijuana—who stand with these valiant warriors that are leading the charge.



Our focus this Christmas is to help volunteers who work for the drug rehab or at the refuge for the elderly at near non-existent salaries. By living communally, these saints in the various ministries sustain themselves by sharing whatever comes in. This can amount to less than \$50 a week for a family of four or five. When times of financial need come—like Christmas to give gifts to their children and the end of summer to pay the fees so their kids can go to school—they feel the pinch. Would you like to give a gift toward the staff this year? If so, please write it in on the giving slip.



Current Prayer Requests

- For funds to buy a four wheel truck to get group into this area to help with the new center and with the other ministries in remote areas.
- For a group to help the home for the elderly with a day room and chapel project. The biggest need is for the two bathrooms the building will have.
- If you have a van or car to donate or want to help with transportation we have to replace two vans (\$5,000 each) - one stolen from the Drug Rehab and another for the Home for the Elderly that was destroyed in an accident.
- To get the papers through for the land for the children's center.



E-mail updates anyone?

On the giving card we now have a spot for your e-mail address. We have a few of your email addresses but we know they change. So please take a minute to write it down on the slip so we can be in better communication. Even better, send a quick "hello" to us at gkoff@gmail.com.
NOTE: we have a new email address, too!



This Christmas season the Saracoffs are traveling to Utah to be with Kathy's family who are coming from China and Indonesia and Colorado. We love getting your Christmas greetings!

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