

## A Weekend of Hope

July 2021



When the weather is warm, out come the water games!

In just a few short weeks (August 6-8) vans filled with 150 boys and girls from poor Tijuana neighborhoods and orphanages will make the hour and half trip south for a weekend outdoors at our annual Spectrum Kid's Camp. This trip is such a special time for our kids and was sorely missed in 2020. For some it will be the first opportunity in their lives to travel beyond the confines of their local neighborhood. It makes for a whole new experience to be surrounded by trees instead of graffiti covered buildings. One mom, speaking of her daughter, said, "It's something that I couldn't enjoy as a girl, and I love that she can!"



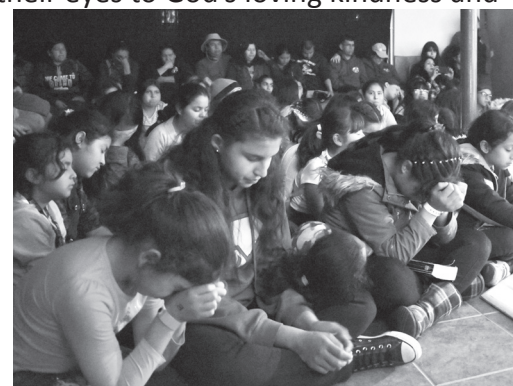
We sure are grateful to offer camp to these kids after missing it 2020!

Spectrum Kid's Camp fits right in with what we want to accomplish as a ministry. It's been said that at the root of any kind of poverty is a lack of hope. Whether it be physical/financial, emotional, or spiritual poverty, if you've never seen anything outside of the dire situation you're in, the tendency is to give up hope that there's anything better. You succumb and go along with it rather than be inspired to go beyond it. Our desire is that a weekend of fun, good food, loving interaction and strong teaching from God's Word is enough for some of these precious kids to see something different. To open their eyes to God's loving kindness and goodness in a way that sparks hope and a desire to know Him.



Camp is a great place for kids to try archery for the first time!

It starts on the way down with a fish taco lunch along the bay in Ensenada. When your normal diet consists largely of rice and beans, fish tacos and good camp food is something to be excited about! Upon arrival at camp, they receive their cabin assign-



Join us in praying for God to open kids hearts to hear from His Word through out the weekend!

ments and also a colored wrist band, designating what team they are on for the weekend games. This team becomes a band of brothers (or sisters) giving their all in epic games, making memories for years to come. On top of that, archery, bb guns, zip lines and of course the swimming pool, are all experiences they can enjoy together. Our teaching sessions consist of fun songs, skits, and Gospel teaching done by our staff and friends of the ministry. This year's camp theme is the Great Adventure. In it are a group of travelers attempting to follow a map (representing the Bible) made by the great map maker (representing God). At times, the travelers find themselves off course, but when they trust the map and the One who made it, they rejoin the right path and experience an adventure like no other.

Maps are about taking you through unfamiliar territory in order to help you get to your desired destination. So many of these kids are not familiar with God's incredible saving love. In fact, in their current environment in Tijuana they may be on the verge of giving up, not even having an inkling that kind of love exists. Please pray that God will work through His Word, as well as every aspect of camp to reveal who He is, how much He loves them, and what He's done in sending His Son to die so that they could be His. May God use their time at camp to spark in them a ray of hope that leads them into life with Him!

From all of us at Spectrum, we want to thank you for your continued prayers and loving support that allows us to shine the light of Christ in the dark neighborhoods of Tijuana. We're grateful and honored that you're with us in this work! Thank you!



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Thank you for praying and giving to help these precious kids experience camp!



*"Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." - Psalm 119:105*