



School Feeding Program

School of Champions

Day Care Centers

Newsletter

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P. V. SCHOOLS OPEN AGAIN

After three weeks of closure, the final week by order of the Governor of Jalisco, schools in Puerto Vallarta finally started classes again, including the School of Champions. Parents, teachers and especially the children are eager to have things back to normal. We have completed the two new classrooms and will have just enough classroom space to accommodate the 200 children who are enrolled in our School of Champions main campus in Magisterio. We will continue to teach English to an additional 100 students in the Volcanes Primary School. With your continued support we will conduct classes until the last week in June..



Puerto Vallarta - Alive but Struggling



The perfect storm hit Puerto Vallarta and all of Mexico. First there were recommended travel warnings because of the border violence, then came the recession and finally the N1H1 virus, all combined to devastate the local economy. The number of tourists decreased dramatically. Airlines, travel agencies and cruise lines all reduced their activity to and from Puerto Vallarta, even though there have been **ZERO** confirmed

cases of the flu in and around our city. The impact locally was to cause the layoff of many employees in hotels, restaurants and local businesses. We continue to enjoy the beautiful weather and the uniqueness that is Puerto Vallarta. We hope all of you will make your plans to visit us soon and help us revitalize our city.

The New "FIRE FLY" PROGRAM

With the local economy suffering tremendously, more and more adults are working in the dump during the evening and more and more children are hungry after dark. Children of the Dump recognized this problem and began feeding the families who live in the shacks beside the dump and the adults working in the dump. Every evening, 7 days a week from 8:30 to 11:00, our truck and volunteers feed about 600 men, women and children, including family members at the Regional Hospital who have traveled with their sick relatives to the hospital and stay with them until they are released. Most are too poor to buy food locally and need help.



More Good News from Sole Salvation



James Ronald and SoleSalvation came to Puerto Vallarta again this year with 700 pairs of new shoes for the children who live around the city dump. Over two days and with the help of local volunteers, a youth group from Rock Church in Washington State and COD Staff,

the shoes were fitted to 700 children from Volcanes Primary, School of Champions. Mojoneras and Magisterio Hot Meals programs. The children walked away with smiles that made everyone's day.



To help us please send your donations to:

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