



Care for Kids La Paz



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From the President's Desk

La Paz has taken on a festive air with kilometres of beachside boardwalk ablaze with incandescent, Christmas decorations hanging from each streetlight pole. Large nativity scenes are scattered throughout the city and in front of the government legislative buildings, a towering spray from a long, rectangular fountain, dances in rhythm to various Christmas music.

Along with these festivities are families who worry about not having enough food on their table. Hunger is a real problem for those who have little unemployment and live in the outlying communities of La Paz.

Two weeks ago, our charity kicked off a food drive with the hope of collecting enough provisions to fill twenty-five food baskets to deliver to families in the community Vista Hermosa, families who are still struggling to get back on

their feet after Hurricane Odile.

Using the 'grapevine' methods of getting the word out quickly to the foreign and Mexican community, people generously responded. Because we only had two weeks for the collection, I wasn't certain we'd have enough food to fill even twenty-five bags. However, thanks to the generous support and loving hearts of those who donated food and cash, we were able to fill fifty bags weighing about 13 kg (30 lb) each with oil, sugar, beans, rice, juice, milk, oatmeal, coffee, canned tuna, mayonnaise, lentils, flour, soap, pasta, tomato sauce, bouillon cubes, cookies, toothpaste and brushes, toilet paper, and sanitary napkins. We also received schools supplies, stuffed animals and baby girl clothing.

Yesterday, a large group of us distributed all the items directly to the homes of most of the families. We met and chatted with many of them, listening to their stories of sick kids, loneliness or damaged housing. We handed out cookies, stuffed animals, pens and pencils, notebooks and crayons to the children. The men's mission was to carry the hampers up the hill to the top of the mountain for those women whose view was extraordinary but the hike demanding.



Three hours later, we gave out the last bag. We were all dusty, tired, and a bit sunburnt but our hearts were bursting with joy knowing that fifty families will have enough food on their table in time for Christmas.

Due to the needs of the community, even a thousand food hampers wouldn't be enough. However, we felt blessed and grateful to reach the people we could and fill their hearts with hope.

Two thumbs up to everyone who donated the provisions and to the volunteers who gave their time to pack and deliver them. Photos can be seen [here](#).

Lastly, Friday evening, our charity held a Christmas fiesta for our most beloved volunteers and scholarship

students. Food of the day was gooey chocolate cake, a drink called jamaica made from hibiscus leaves, and Rompepo (an unidentified eggnog-like substance). We also gave out twenty-seven food hampers for each mother as a way to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to our charity. Clothing, toys and stuffed animals that were donated were given away in a fashion show kind of approach with a twist. Each item was held up and modelled and the first person to grab it, got it. Click [here](#) for photos.



Our charity will be on holidays for the next two weeks. When we return in 2015, we will continue to help families rebuild their lives and homes after Hurricane Odile with material for concrete floors, walls and roofs. On behalf of all of us at Care for Kids La Paz, thank you for your continued support of our program and mission and please keep us in mind for any donations.

Have a very holy and blessed Christmas and New Year.
God bless you.
Barbara

How Can You Help?

Please remember to use the search engine GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com so that our charity can earn money every time you search the internet or shop on-line. Go to their website and select Care for Kids La Paz (Dilworth, MN) as your designated charity. It doesn't cost users a thing and those pennies can really add up!
[GoodSearch](http://GoodSearch.com) [GoodShop](http://GoodShop.com)

We are now on Facebook! If you already



have a Facebook account, go to the Care for Kids La Paz Facebook page. If you'd like to receive updates on your newsfeed such as photos or events, please 'Like' us and 'Share' us. Liking and sharing us helps us get around. [Facebook](#)

Help spread the word about Care for Kids La Paz. Do you belong to a group or a school who would like to hear more about us? We'd love to come and talk about our work. Better yet. Visit us in beautiful La Paz and you can give your own presentation.

If you have any children's books in Spanish you'd like to donate, please contact me at: careforkidslapaz@yahoo.com [Email address](#)

There are a number of students with good grades who would like to have a scholarship. If you would like to share in a special relationship with a student and their family, please drop me a line for more details at careforkidslapaz@yahoo.com [Email address](#)

If you're travelling to La Paz, please keep a little space in your luggage for books, toothpaste, toothbrushes, pencils and children's vitamins.

Please keep our charity in your prayers!

May your hearts be continually filled with the love and peace of God.

Mission Statement

Care for Kids La Paz is a non-profit charity dedicated to improving the lives of impoverished children and families in La Paz, BCS, Mexico. We provide long-term support by guaranteeing access to food, health care and education to children.

Through our commitment, Care for Kids La Paz strives to achieve lasting improvements in the quality of life of underprivileged children giving them the opportunity to become healthy, self-reliant individuals.