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Empowering Mexican People to Win Their World for Christ!

**ON THE FLIP SIDE:
A Very Merry
Christmas Wish
For You!**

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The Star of Christmas

Jesus is the Star of Christmas, shining bright; but there are many little stars who reflect His light. You, dear partners are some of those bright stars. You light the way all throughout Mexico, so people can find their way to the Savior and thus find their way out of the darkness of sin. As you have given to us missionaries, you have paved the way for the true Christmas spirit to emerge, so that the Star of Christmas Jesus can shine through.

Some of those special stars stand out to me today: there is the compassionate Rev. Leon & Inez McDowell and 1st PC/G (Okla City, OK) who donated money to purchase about 100 new toys for needy Mexican children. Then, there is Sis. Susana Serna, a local Laredo woman who donated over 200 cars, dolls and soccer balls to make glad a hurting Mexican child's heart. She, herself, has a giving heart. Pastor Paul Wise and Trinity Church (Boyer City, MI) sent 33 TY bears and is planning a trip at the end of the month! Another beautiful star is my Aunt Sharon Vermilya of Kamiah, ID, who lives on a small limited income, who provided 35 bears and stuffed snowmen and gave sacrificially leaving herself with only \$5 in her bank account! Why did all these give? Because they care and can visualize the face of Jesus in the form of brown-skinned children south of the border. Another brilliant bright star are Carolyn & Floyd Lytle of Grangeville, ID, my parents, who helped provide many gifts for our pastors and ministry leaders of Mexico's North District. What surprise and delight filled all their faces, as these men and women received their gifts. Then, there is the illuminating star of Cheryl Lundy of Meridan, MS who provided "Jesus loves me" blankets which warmed the bodies of the frosty cold children.

Such extra kindness is amazing! Then there are all of you, our wonderful partners, who also shine through our hearts too, because you and your churches sent Christmas money our way and blessed our happy children and families! These love offerings also helped provide our pastors and ministry leaders their gifts!

Yes, the universe may be large, and the world may be evil, but the Christmas star Jesus is bigger than ever, still shining high through the bright star of you. Our thanks to all of you! By Judy Snow

Have a Merry Christmas And a Blessed New Year!



From Our Family to Yours:



Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año!