

Love-Lift Ministries

Spring 2011 Newsletter

Delivering God's Love Since 1977

SPRING! DON'T YOU LOVE this time of year! What does Spring mean to you. If you enjoy God's created nature, then perhaps Spring means pink APPLE BLOSSOMS appearing on budding fruit trees. If you are fashion minded, then Spring means a "Sunday outfit" of Soft pastel colors, including, nostalgically, a pretty hat to wear on Mother's Day. Or, if you think like a scientist, then Spring means the Spring Equinox when temperate days and comfortable nights are of equal length, and days grow longer as Summer approaches. Or, if you really enjoy holiday festivities, Spring may call to mind an Easter Day family dinner carefully planned days in advance, your best china and polished silver set on a lace tablecloth, with a flower bouquet centerpiece gracing the lovingly prepared meal.



Apple Blossoms

Where were you on Easter Sunday a year ago, April 4th, 2010?

My family and I were just finishing our special festive dinner when the chandelier overhead began to rock and roll, the teacups began to chatter, and the floor beneath our feet began to quiver.

At the same time on the outskirts of Mexicali, Mexico, about two hundred miles south and east from us, the small church congregation had concluded their jubilant, Easter service and were returning to their modest little homes to enjoy a simple meal in celebration of the day Christ arose.

In just a little more than a minute the 7.2 magnitude Mexicali earthquake had totally ruined the church building, and had made unlivable the homes of the entire church community.

A call went out for tents to protect the people from the mud making Spring rains, and to make shelters against the hot unyielding Summer heat which would be coming soon. We had helped this Mexicali church with a Love-Lift several times before. Love-Lift Ministries, along with other ministries, was able to collect and send down a significant number of precious, much needed tents.

One year later, in the Spring of 2011, the church congregation is still meeting in the open air. The people are still living in tents and preparing meals in open air kitchens. The Summer temperature in this area reaches an average of 115 degrees

Fahrenheit, sometimes hotter. This is too hot for comfort! But life must go on.

One year later, in the Spring of 2011, public interest has long ago abandoned this Mexicali community and has gone on to focus on other natural disaster stories. **But God has not forgotten these tent people, and Love-Lift Ministries has not forgotten them either.**

This past Easter 2011 we were once again blessed to be able to minister in a special way. Missionary pastors in Mexicali, Olen and Bea Regan, had worked hard to prepare a "Daily Vacation Bible School" program for an Easter Week camp. The camp was a ministry outreach to the children of the stricken community. **Hearing the need, Love-Lift Ministries volunteers at our warehouse-workshop facility in Santa Ana went to work** and quickly filled personal care bags for one-hundred children, and thirty-six bags for the adult staff from the Mexicali congregation who would teach the kids and run the Gospel camp. My husband and I delivered this special Love-Lift to the border just in time for a successful Easter Week of blessing and uplifting to a suffering community of people who had lost everything in the earthquake of 2010.

Another devastating earthquake of 8.9 magnitude occurred in Chile on February 27th, 2010. It was one of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded in worldwide records. Loss of

life and property was widespread and severe. Recovery and rebuilding has been slow, and human suffering from this cataclysmic disaster continues into the present day.

Unlike the situation in the Mexicali 2010 earthquake, Love-Lift Ministries was not able to have a hands-on participation in distant Chile. But, thanks to Leonardo, a concerned member of my church, **Love-Lift Ministries was able to significantly respond to the need for help.** This young man made an appeal and arranged for several ministries, including ours, to join together to fill a large shipping container which was sent to help a Christ honoring church congregation in Chile.

Once again, Love-Lift ministries would respond to the need for help in critical situations worldwide as opportunities for effective deliveries came our way. To help fill the shipping container for Chile, our dedicated volunteers went to work. **Thirty baby layettes, each layette containing twenty or more items for newborns and their mothers were prepared by the layette team. Five-hundred,seventy-two individualized personal care bags for babies, children, teens and adults were filled by the faithful volunteer staff at our warehouse.** After an aggravating problem of governmental red tape was worked through, the container was finally delivered to Dios es Amor Iglesia (God is Love Church) in Villa Alamana, Chile. Mission accomplished!

Emergency response to extraordinary situations, such as earthquakes, is not the usual way Love-Lift Ministries operates. **All year long, once a month, or sometimes more often, a large Love-Lift load is prepared by our volunteers; and, as doors open up, deliveries are made to a variety of mission locations where extreme poverty exists.**

In February, 2011, a group of students at Calvary Chapel High school, Santa Ana, took two-hundred, eighty-two Love-Lift bags with them to distribute to young children in Nicaragua. These mission minded young kids packed the Love-Lift bags into their extra suitcases. The kids did street ministry with skits presenting the Gospel to people in dire need of knowing just how much Jesus loves them. The response was encouraging! Your successfully delivered gift bags meant a lot to the poor in Nicaragua.

Among the variety of deliveries accomplished this past year, we were blessed to be able to help the Navajo people in the USA celebrate and receive Christmas gifts in 2010. Missionary pastor, Juanita Vandever, serves the Navajo in and around Winslow, Arizona. This precious minister has been faithful in her loving service and Gospel outreach to the Native American community for many years. The smiling faces of Navajo young people holding their generously filled Love-Lift bags shows how much they appreciated receiving their gifts last Christmas; See their pictures in this newsletter.

All Love-Lifts are inspired by God's especial love for those who are poor and in need. Jesus tells us in his Word that when we minister to those with needs, we minister to the Lord himself. Love-Lift Ministries is not the only way to minister to the poor and needy, but it is the way God has clearly called us to work for his glory.

Should you be convinced in your spirit that Love-Lift Ministries is an effective way to lift up those who need encouragement in the name of the Lord, we offer you an opportunity to help with a financial gift of any size. Every gift helps us to meet our \$3,000 rent and utilities expenses. Other operational expenses, including required insurance, and the cost of resupplying our inventory used to fill the gift bags results in a Total Monthly Expense of nearly \$5,000. None of our volunteers, and none of our corporate board members receive a financial reward of any kind, but we would feel very rewarded and blessed in our spirits to be able to continue this Christmas-All-Year-Long ministry should we hear from you, and others like you.

Also, we would love to have you, both men and women, visit our facility and offer a hand to help the regular volunteers fill bags; or simply visit us to see our facility, and see how we work. A visit by you would be very encouraging to us. We'll leave the light on! (Jesus is the light). Please visit us ! We would love to meet you. No obligation of any kind!

To arrange for a time when we can expect you, please call ahead to make sure we will be there when you come. Call the facility at (714)751-2683 and leave a message on our answering machine if no one is available to answer the phone.

Or call my home, (714)894-8531, and leave your name and phone number so I can call you back. Our Email address is lovelift@socal.rr.com For directions, see our website: lovelift.org

What does Spring mean to you? If you love life, and life abundantly, then Spring means Easter Sunday, and joyful celebration of the day Jesus arose, was seen by his close followers, and gave living proof to his promises. **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

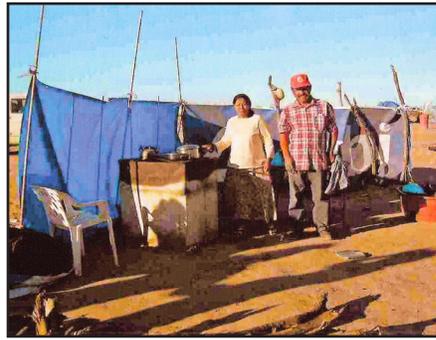
Sincerely,

Marilyn Kunde,

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Church of the Open Air in Tent City, Mexicali. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Cookout time in Earthquake City, Mexicali. One year later, and still cooking in their outdoor kitchen.



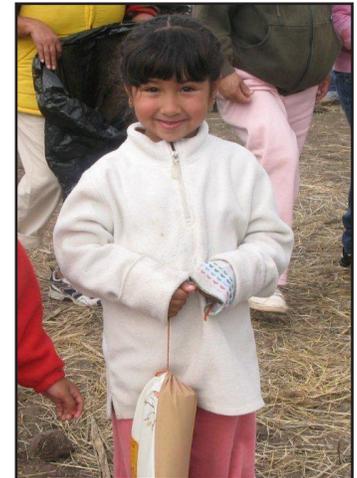
Meek and beautiful in the sight of God. "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek, To give unto them beauty for ashes that the Lord may be glorified."



Navajo girls with their Love-Lift gift bags. They are happy and blessed by your Gospel help.



Smiles and curiosity. What's in the bag?



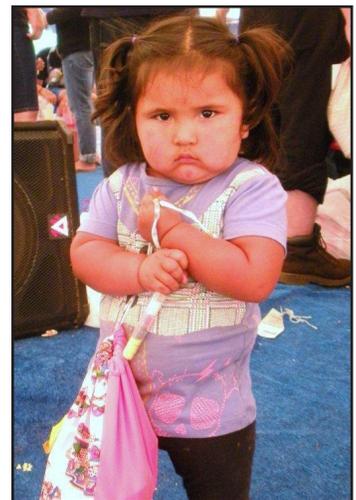
Happiness is having your own surprise Love-Lift bag



Navajo boys with their Love-Lift gift bags. They are happy and blessed by your Gospel help.



Wow! I like this new toothbrush. Thank you.



How can you be happy when you don't know Jesus - yet! A little Gospel love will help.



The Love-Lift is organized at the point of delivery, ready to be distributed to those in need on the mission field.



Marilyn and her Navajo friend. God loves all ages. Love-Lift Ministries organizes deliveries to serve the unique needs of babies, children, teens and adults of both genders.



LOVE-LIFT UPDATE - SPRING 2011

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Return Service Requested

NEEDS FOR THE MINISTRY

- God's guidance, protection, and strength to endure
- **Financial help to meet our montly rent and utilities as we expand our warehouse space and expense needs.**
- Financial help to purchase the items we use to fill more than five-hundred gift-bags each month
- Additional volunteers to work at our facility, or in your home or group

THE LOVE-LIFT MISSION

Our mission is to build up each missionary, each pastor, each congregation, each Christian school, each Bible school, each orphanage, and every Christian, and potential Christian that God has given us an opportunity to touch.

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