

## Mexico Mission News Update



The Mission Team

The week after Christmas, I had the privilege of taking the teens (along with Pastor Marty Strohschein and his family) from Cross of Christ, Anthem, AZ, down to Kid's Kingdom in Imuris for a couple of days. The teens gathered Christmas gifts for the kids and staff (about 100 presents). About half the gifts came as donations from the congregation, the rest were donated by their classmates at school.



The gifts under the tree



“Christmas morning” mayhem



Children's Christmas music program

If you think things are exciting around your house on Christmas morning, you should have seen it at Kid's Kingdom!!

### Benjamin Hill

Things continue to progress at Benjamin Hill. All the interior and exterior stucco on the dormitories is complete. The windows and doors are installed, the electrical wiring and fixtures are installed, the insulation has been put in the ceilings and the sheet rock is hung and the taping is done. They have been working on the ceiling texture the last couple of weeks and also working on the tile in the bathrooms. As soon as the tiling is complete, they will be installing the sinks, toilets and shower fixtures.



A few months ago, 60 young chickens were purchased and an enclosure was constructed to house them. They are now residents of Benjamin Hill and should start laying eggs by the end of February. While I was there in December, we finalized the plans for the dining hall, selected the site for it, and this past week work has begun on the site prep and foundation. Some planting is happening and now that we know where the dining hall is going to be located, they will get some fruit trees ordered and planted. We have also found a source for a used green house and the goal is to get it purchased, reassembled and ready to go for planting in early March. The green house will be paid for out of part of the LCEF grant monies we received in November. I also got to celebrate my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday at the orphanage. They put together a delicious birthday lunch of shrimp quesdillos and cake, then outside to take a few wacks at the piniata.



Our main project for the February trip will be painting the dormitories inside and out. We will also be distributing food baskets and Bibles. We still have room for a couple more people in February, airline ticket prices are still really reasonable (about \$200 round trip). If you are interested, get in touch with Deaconess Reeves.

In His Service,

Pastor Mark Christensen