

Mission: Mochilas Backpacks for Amigos!



WHO? We are asking churches, individuals, homeschool groups & other groups to contribute to this Mission. Specifically, we'd love to have our local kids "pack" these for the children in the Soriano's ministry area. We need about 390 backpacks(all elementary age children, except 40 middle school age).
*Above is a photo that will be sent with this backpack so the recipient will see the face of the one who "packed" it for them! You may also send a note in Spanish! (This is optional, but welcomed!) Check out this video of last year's distribution. **NOW YOU CAN BE APART OF IT!!**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WC1wdcHo-ic&feature=channel>

WHAT? *Select a nice backpack (mochila) **Please Pray for the child who receives it!**

*Pack the backpack with the following items:

6 composition notebooks
eraser
pencil sharpener
colored pencils
pencils
blue & black & red pens
pencil keeper (box or bag)
glue stick
highlighters
markers (not skinny ones)

scissors round tip for younger and regular for older
geometry set (compass & protractor sets)
Optional & Welcomed items:
Hair holders
Brushes/combs
Prepackaged water bottles
Stickers
Flashlight w/ batteries
T-shirt
Spanish books Spanish Bible

WHEN? Backpacks are needed by Sunday, August 8, 2010!

WHERE? Drop off your completed backpacks to

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The Soriano Family

In June of 2009 the Soriano family moved to Reynosa, Mexico, a city on the Texas border, to join the La Viña church plant in a neighborhood named Vamos Tamaulipas. You're probably asking yourself what is La Viña? La Viña is an organization in Mexico that is dedicated to meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the people around it. <http://www.vineyardmcm.org/> The people in our neighborhood are very poor and struggle daily to meet their basic needs. Most days they don't have water.

Here are some of the ways that we have brought the Kingdom of God into these people's lives this last year by meeting a physical need: weekly feeding program, food distribution, clothing distribution, medical clinics, shoe distributions, school supply distribution, and educational classes. We are most excited about the growth that we have seen in our church outreaches.

This last year we have added three vacation Bible schools, two weekly Bible study groups, weekly kids program, and Sunday service. It is amazing to see what God has done in this neighborhood this last year. The impact has been great, and we are not the only ones who have noticed. This last year the city government donated to La Viña land the size of three soccer fields to build on. We receive people at our events that are not just from our neighborhood, but also from surrounding neighborhoods. Word of what God is doing here reached all the way to the other side of the city, to another neighborhood who wants us to work in their neighborhood. We are currently working on acquiring land in that neighborhood as well!

The work we have done with the school was featured in the newspaper, and we received contact from 60 other schools that would like us to work with them as well. The opportunities here are great. We can't do this alone though. We are simply one hand in the great body of Christ and we need the rest of the body's support. How about it? Will you partner with us?

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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- *Pack Backpacks with school supplies. (SEE BACK)
 - *Gather clothing for children, teens, adults. All styles, all seasons, all sizes, shoes also
 - *Gather Household items pots, pans, sheets, blankets, towels & washcloths new & "good condition" used items.
 - *Books (in Spanish) for children
 - *Spanish Bibles
 - *Diapers/toys/canned food
 - *flashlights/batteries
 - *Cash donations- purchase of a 16ft flatbed trailer
- ALL ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUG. 8**
Contact for drop-off information!

