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Thank you so much for your donation towards my missionary work here in Colima. I greatly appreciate it! I am sorry it has taken me awhile to get this thank you letter done. I have been extremely busy since I have been back in Colima. Even on my days off.



We had a nice and fun night bringing in the New Year. Jaqui and our neighbor joined us for a night of food, games and singing! As the evening went on it was getting colder and colder. By the time we went to bed it was 45 degrees. We were pretty cold since our get together was outside. We had such a fun evening!



Cristian stayed with us for fifteen days for the vacation time. It was nice having him for all that time. With the restrictions for covid he and Belen have not been able to come to my house every third weekend like before. One of the last days of vacation we went to the beach for the day. The water was cold but we had a little pool we filled with water and the kids had fun in the sand. It was nice to get away for a day.

Tonio and Clara the house parents of the Casa Cuna and their family left just after I got back from Michigan to go to Peru to visit her family. Prayers please for Clara and her family, while they were there Clara's dad died. He had been sick for quite awhile. It has been a very difficult time for them.

I am doing Clara's job while she has been gone. Thankfully Kenia is helping me with some of the things I normally do, so it hasn't been as stressful as the first week when I was doing both. Since Clara and I hadn't had a chance to talk before she left there was a lot to figure out the first week. I opened the freezer to find it was completely empty. I had bought some food for the first few days and it was so wonderful to see answers to prayers for our needs. The teen boy's home gave us a portion of meat so we had that one day. A family brought us supper one night and also a piñata for the children. A donation was given to buy groceries. Some of the other Casa Hogar homes gave us fruit, vegetables and pan dulce (different types of sweet bread). For "Day of the Kings" several breads, kind of like fruitcake

were donated. I was so thankful and filled with joy seeing how quickly the needs were being met and now our freezer is full of meat and chicken. What a blessing!



Some of the things I was able to do for the home these past few weeks was to get shampoo which we were out of. Bring six of the children, one being my grandson Danny to the doctor and get them their medicine. They all needed antibiotics and some other medications. Prayers for healing in the children please and also for Mateo who is sick but, he also has impetigo that is spreading on his face. Also, putting gas in my vehicle to do the errands for the Casa Cuna. New eye glasses for Belen who lives in the Casa Famoso. A birthday cake for Jazmin who lives in the



Casa Cuna, she has special needs and was so happy to receive the cake and have everyone sing to her! Also a going away cake for Josabet who came to volunteer for five months and due to covid wasn't able to go back to Peru for over a year. I bought food to make two special meals for the home. One was sopitos which is one of my favorite Mexican

meals and one I know how to cook. Everyone loves them and the children are usually wanting seconds before I can serve all the adults.





The other meal was actually for a Christmas party. Kenia and I wanted to do something special for the children for Sunday school. But instead of doing it just for the Sunday school time it was an all day party for them and the workers. First the children had Sunday school and heard the story of Jesus birth. We brought a nativity scene so they could see it also. Then after Sunday school they went out to the back patio that was decorated for food, piñatas and some of the workers each picked names and gave the children gifts. It was a really special time together and the children and workers had a wonderful time. The only problem we had was the oven wouldn't work. Thankfully the Casa Leonel let me use their oven. I needed to bake the cupcakes and one of the appetizers. So I was going back and forth between the two homes for a couple of hours. Other than that everything else went smoothly and was enjoyed by all! 😊



Before the oven stopped working earlier in the week I made Christmas cookies for the children and workers to decorate. They had so much fun putting the frosting and decorating them and of course eating them!

The children are back to school on line and back to our normal schedule. Covid cases have increased so our restrictions are also becoming more. The children won't have visits or go out until the cases go done.



Once again thank you so much for your support of my ministry work here in Colima. I am so appreciative and blessed!!!

Love in Christ,

Michelle