

NIÑOS NEWS

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Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the ministry of Niños de Mexico! Here are a few end-of-year pictures and events we would like to share!

Navidad (Christmas)

Christmas in Mexico is celebrated in many of the same ways it is celebrated in the U.S. The children enjoy seasonal foods, drinks, games, and also festivities.

At the end of the fall semester at our IBAAN school we have a Christmas party to celebrate the coming of the Jesus. The children and teachers also look forward to a brief break from school. The children at Niños have been blessed to be able to receive presents from people around the world. Along with receiving gifts from sponsors in the U.S., the local Walmart provided a small Christmas party with gifts from their employees. It's always a blessing to see the smiles of the children when they receive gifts at Christmas. Christmas is also a special time for our American staff as it is often an opportunity to see their families during a brief visit to the U.S.



Día de Reyes (Kings Day)

On January 6th King's Day is celebrated in Mexico. King's Day is a celebration and recognition of when the "Three Kings" brought gifts to Jesus when he was a baby. In parts of Mexico this is the day that the children receive presents, instead of on Christmas. We celebrated King's Day with all the staff and children in México by having a party all afternoon and evening. There was fun dancing, good food, piñatas, and a spontaneous flour battle. One of the special foods we ate is called Rosca. It is a sweetbread shaped like a wreath, with candied fruit on top, and figurines of baby Jesus baked inside. If you bite into your piece and there is a figurine, you are expected to have a party with Tamales on February 2nd.





Cumpleaños (Birthdays)

We recently had a birthday party for two of our long-time Niños family members. Amelia Coronel, the house mom at Bethel, and Daniel Gallegos, the eldest of the Gallegos family of six, both celebrated birthdays in early January. This was a perfect opportunity to have another party. There was cake, soccer, trampoline bouncing, and some American football watching. In México we love to have parties and therefore every birthday is a great day for us to use as an excuse to do so. The smiles and laughter are always sure to be abundant.

Thanks for reading!

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