

Merry Christmas
from Spectrum Ministries

An Unexpected Gift

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When you think of a gift, you may imagine a nicely wrapped box under a beautifully adorned tree. You might picture a child sneaking over and shaking the box in an attempt to guess the contents. Whatever images pop into your mind, you are probably not thinking of a newborn infant wrapped in a cloth being handed over to your keeping. This was the case when a poor troubled mother offered Lupita her baby. Lupita has few resources, but she has a big heart so she took baby Iris in. Lupita came to our outreach in Pipila several months ago. We met little Iris then and saw that she suffers from a large infantile hemangioma on the top of her head. This non-cancerous reddish tumor formed of excess blood vessels usually would reduce in size over the years, but recently the tumor ruptured and the baby was rushed to the hospital. In desperation Lupita reached out to us. Thanks to your generosity little baby Iris underwent a surgery and received the medical attention she needed just in time for the Christmas season.



Baby Iris's tumor



Lupita is happy
baby Iris got
her operation!

Oh, and what a season it is! December is a busy month for us as we spread the good news of Christ's birth and share with the poor. During our community outreaches we will bring hundreds of warm, new blankets as well as heavy-duty tarps to cover leaky roofs, all to keep families warm during the winter cold. We will provide a special Christmas meal for the inmates of the youth prison and share a bit of hope. We will continue to take much-needed food to the poor of Tijuana. We will take over 1,800 gifts to the poor this Christmas, including special trips to take a Christmas dinner along with toys to the homes of some of our most needy families. These special visits will target families facing medical troubles or families we know are going through particularly challenging times. We will bless the orphanages and the elderly living in the old folks home. These are some of the many ways we serve. Christmas is a time of sharing and a time of joy. We are excited to take God's love to the lost and forgotten corners of the city.



Paul Singing songs on outreach day

The most powerful gift we bring is the gospel - the good news that salvation has come through Jesus. Let all that thirst come to Him! Let the nations be glad! We are excited to see what God does in the lives of the families we serve this Christmas. Thank you for praying for us, and for your generous support. It is appreciated.

Psalm 67:4 "Let the nations be glad and sing for joy..."

For all of us at Spectrum Ministries,

Paul Alvarado
Spectrum Ministries Director



For many kids, Spectrum's gift is their only gift



Christmas season brings large crowds

