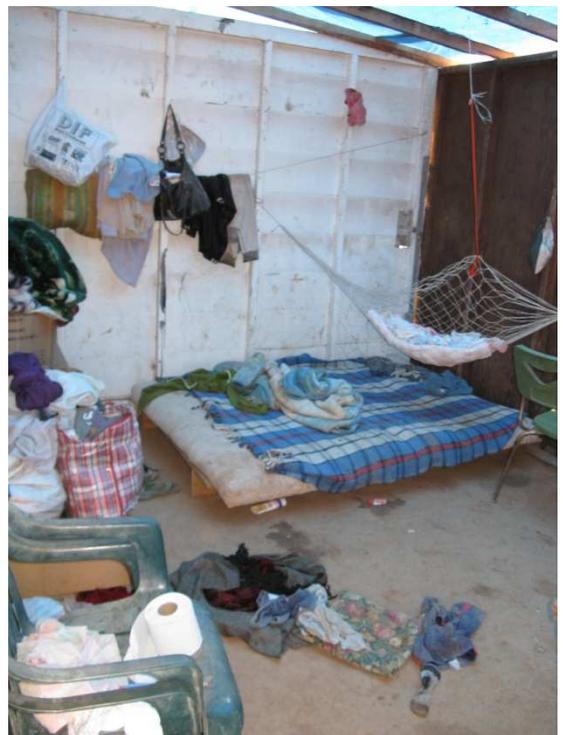


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Dear Friends,

This is the most glorious time of the year when we remember the birth of Jesus. So very much has happened since my last newsletter. We had planned to make another trip to Muleje but finances just didn't permit it. At the same time, we found desperate needs in the area that had to be filled. A family was living in a very old cardboard shack, with two young children who were bitten with fleas. I had known this young mother many years ago when she was a little girl and the family moved back to Oaxaca. Now she and her little family returned. Her father had been killed and mother left with 7 children. She wants to come back here. A group came from Banff, Alberta and built a very nice house which they insulated, dry walled, painted and furnished. The mother was told but she didn't have enough money to come. Now some friends who are helping here for 6 months are going to pay their way down here. What you do is notify the bus depot which day they are coming and pay when they arrive. We hope to have them here for Christmas.

Another family with 5 children started coming to our new church in Nueva ERA. The mother said they needed a house so we put them all in the van after the service and went to see where they lived. There were 4 wooden walls held together with a tarp, and no bed inside. They slept on cardboard and had no other furniture. An old gas stove which had quit working, had the wrong kind of hose connected was in their house and could have exploded. We left promising to help, and came back with some furniture and a working propane stove. Now an old friend has come from Kamloops, BC to build a block house for them. Praise the Lord.



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God is wonderfully blessing at the AA Rehab Center south in El Socorro. 10 more men have been water baptized in that cold ocean. Last Sunday when in the service, Arturo asked how many had been baptized, many hands went up. They were asked to come to the front and lead the singing. They did and my heart was overwhelmed with gratitude to the Lord.



A church in Yuba City, California had prepared 252 shoeboxes for children and had them brought to Chula Vista, California. We needed them picked up, so Wayne and Carol were willing to go get them with their van and do their Christmas shopping. They barely got them all in, so put off the Christmas shopping until they go to Ensenada with Victor. Victor's house is almost ready for him and Jozefina to move into. We are getting him a hot water heater which is much



cheaper from Ensenada. We took the shoe boxes to the San Telmo ministry last Thursday and every child received one. Children in our new church are receiving theirs today.

Yesterday I took my staff, Wayne and Carol, and some visitors to a restaurant for a breakfast on the beach. It was beautiful and emotional. We had a prayer for

Andrews who is in a wheel chair and ministers in the new church. Also for a man visiting there who has been on drugs and was sick. Victor and Arturo played guitars and we sang. Sarah and Carmen each sang a solo and each shared a testimony.

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There are volunteers at the moment staying with me, the men are helping to build an extension onto the clothing room, and the women have been sewing 120 bags to fill for the seniors group in town. Now they are making quilts as it is so cold here at night and we don't have any. The next project here is to build a laundry room and more storage areas.



Last night some us went to Mario's rehab with cake, ice cream, cheese sauce, and nacho chips for the 18 men staying there. It was cold in that large building but we had hot coffee and a good visit. We cannot provide the large dinner for New Years Eve at the large Rehab, but were invited there for Paróle and are bringing desert for 150 people. We are delivering T shirts to the men in the Rehab as well as the old men's home. A group is coming in January to start the community hall for the ministry in San Telmo, Lomitas. We are in the process of buying the 2 lots for this.

God is expanding our borders and we need the following things:

- Tarps
- Quilts and warm blankets
- Sweaters for children and adults

We have many other children to give gifts to this Christmas, but God is providing. May you have a blessed Christmas as you remember The One who made this day possible and give Him your best gift.

In His glorious service,

Erma