



Our first week's crew worked with us every day



Fred Keith keeping us entertained



Our second week's crew who worked all week



Every vehicle prayed over before crossing to Mexico

## Merry Christmas!

*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;  
and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*  
Isaiah 9:6

What a wonderful season this is! We celebrate the first advent of our Lord Jesus coming to the world, and look forward to His coming again! Thanks to the generosity of so many people, we were able to send out 2200 Christmas shoebox gifts in His name. They came with a lot of work behind the scenes, so a special thank you to our precious friends who came and stayed for a week at a time. In our first week we had the Keiths & Pittmans from Eastland, TX joined by the Sandovals of Durango, Mexico and Christine Swan of El Paso working every day 10—5. Also at work each day were Luly's and ladies from our church making us a hearty lunch. Pastor Andy & Ella, Frank and Don, all from Mountain of the Lord in Cloudcroft, NM volunteered a couple of days as well. All together, 1400 boxes were ready for shipping that first week!

The second week we had the Daltons from Cloudcroft plus Vicky and Christine working every day. We were joined that week by the Burnetts & Elkins from Pinon, NM for a day, and Pastor Ron & Rhonda along with Rita and Kenneth from La Luz Bible Church gave us another day of work. By the end of week 2 we had processed nearly 800 more gifts!

On October 8 we had a Christmas party with our pastors and shipped as many gifts as they could carry in their vehicles. We prayed for God's protection over each one to see them safely into the hands of the children, without confiscation or the paying of an "import fee."

**2200 Christmas Shoebox Gifts!**



Our Christmas party on Dec. 8 with pastors & volunteers



The first of many deliveries that came from near & far



Luly's & our church ladies prepared a delicious lunch every day for our little army of volunteers



A wall of gift boxes ready to cross into Mexico, and just two of the many happy recipients



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## Plea for Provision

For every mission listed, there is a missionary pastor or lay leader who ministers there. These men and women of God serve without pay, as do the pastors who oversee them. They work other jobs to help keep the church doors open.

They struggle to make ends meet which is why our distribution of beans, rice, and groceries is so important. And all those children who received shoebox gifts are the same ones we help to feed throughout the year.

We don't need to tell you that food costs have risen dramatically. The pastors used to receive 1000# of beans & rice each week. Now they're picking up half that. And that doesn't include the other groceries we try to provide. They and their people are suffering! The day we prayed over the vehicles we also prayed and cried together over this desperate situation. Please join us in praying for God's provision to come quickly. As you pray, let the Lord speak to you in how you can help. You can write "beans" in the memo if sending a check.

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