

Dear Friends of Saint Caritas,

### **God is awesome indeed!**

June 9, Saturday, 4 volunteers: Fina Rimando and daughter Richelle, Elvia Valdivieso and I headed to visit Santa Teresita. It started at 7am from the retreat garage. Mrs. Claudia Rodriguez arrived on time before going to work to drive us to TJ, Sacred Heart of Jesus Sisters. Before we went, we saw Fr. Emilio Magana at the parking lot heading at the Retreat Center and I asked him to bless and pray for our trip to TJ & Ensenada. It was a blessed start.

When we arrived at the sisters house, they invited us to a mass next door was the church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and of course we did. We were delighted. One sister was the cantor with her guitar. Then we were invited to join their breakfast. It was a fulfilling breakfast. We toured the old hospital where they have the elderly being taking care off from Monday to Friday and then back to their families. These elderly were poor and no one takes care of them while their families were trying to work during the day.

After the tour in TJ, we headed to Ensenada. While we were in the van, we prayed the Rosary. We arrived at the Santa Teresita foster/home for 20 girls, and the nuns were waiting for us. When we settled down, the children presented us with their program: They sing, recite poems, several dances traditional Mexican and modern dances.

These 20 girls from ages 5 to 16 years old lives there and 25 more go home after school. These 25 girls eat and do their home work with them. When we were touring, the little children, hold our hands while a nun was giving us a tour of their house and the school. The catholic school was for elementary to middle school. It was a very organized set up for the children going to school within the vicinity of the house of nuns. The bigger kids were taught to take care of the little ones assigned to them, learning the responsibilities as big sisters. They were learning knitting, computers and other things to be productive.

After the tour, we ate lunch together with the children. The young children I noticed that they ate twice or 3 times as long as there was food in the pans. It was understandable, they were growing up.

The wish list of both charity institutions were fulfilled for the Sacred Heart of Jesus of the Poor: TJ & Ensenada:

- 2 Toaster Ovens > Thank you to a couple who wanted to remain anonymous
- 6 flat irons, 3 ironing boards, food processor and 10 rolls of yarns. The children need more yarn, please.

Please see pictures below. *Picture 1*: with the sisters in TJ before breakfast. *Picture 2*, the children's presentation. They sing songs, several dances, recited poems and one kid sung a capella. Before we leave, they went out the school door and hug us.





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Sincerely,

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