

Future Teams + Sponsor Gifts

One thing I have learned while serving at New Vision and in La Represa is that ministry involves a lot of tedious tasks. Sometimes the time spent preparing for the things to come seems excessive or mundane compared to the big events and worship services, but it is necessary so that ministry can happen in the future. Every day brings new opportunities to get ready for what's to come!



The current pause in regular programming has given us time to take care of many ministry details in La Represa, and this week's task is some basic property maintenance and painting. The New Vision mission property (shown in the picture above) is positioned in the middle of the community of La Represa. It includes the main mission house where Alejandro and I live and a two-story building for guests and team housing. The location is ideal for teams, as members easily connect with neighbors right outside the fence. (See some of those neighbors on the left helping us with maintenance!) In these unknown times, we unfortunately aren't certain when the next mission team will be able to serve with us, but we know we will be ready when that time comes thanks to these days of maintenance.

As you see preparations of this property for future mission teams, I hope you'll consider being part of a mission project here in La Represa one day! Alejandro and I, the ministries, your sponsor child, and this whole community are eagerly awaiting your arrival!

We love sponsor gifts around here! They are a joy to deliver, and the kids and their families obviously enjoy receiving them. I know many left gifts at New Vision months ago with the intention of the March mission team bringing them to us. They will be brought to us as soon as possible! Purchasing and delivering gifts from online donations has also been difficult recently, as many major stores were closed for months. They have recently re-opened, so we will be working on those gifts in the next few weeks. (Some kids have been staying with family outside of the community during quarantine, so their gifts will be delivered as soon as they return.) Thank you so much for your patience during these unexpected delays!

Finally, if you miss communication with your sponsor child, I would love to connect you. Feel free to email me a quick note or pictures to deliver to him or her. While my contact with the children is limited these days, I can do my best to track them down for you. I included two pictures from this week. A small group was on a family camping trip and sent the first picture for their sponsor child and his brother to know they were thinking of and praying for them. The second picture is of Jon Jairo and Leivi when they received the picture (and an Easter card since I hadn't seen them until now). They happened to be by our house, so I called them over. This simple picture brightened their day, and it also brought smiles to the small group. It's difficult to guarantee anything these days, but I will do my best to help make a connection between your family and your sponsor child! Let me know if you have any questions.

