

THEIR FUTURE IS BRIGHT! Meet 4 Ninos Con Fe (4 Kids with Faith)



Lightshine: February 2021 Mission Trip (Update)-

In 2019 Lightshine sponsored a team of 8 men from Washington's Methow Valley. They accomplished a major part of constructing an addition to "Ninos Con Fe", an orphanage in northern Mexico. In spite of COVID, the number of children has doubled in the past 2 years (from 20 to 40). Pictured above (from left, going counter clockwise): America (wife of Gabriel), Paul & Grisela, Gabriel (founder of Ninos Con Fe) & 4 teenagers- Fernando, Hugo, Katarin & Briana (center).

The occasion? Paul & Grisela were leading a half-day 'leadership' workshop. The 4 teens were selected based on their consistent display of positive actions and attitudes, serving as role-models for the younger children at the orphanage. For follow-up, the team of 8 pictured above, agreed to study 'wisdom', by reading through Proverbs together, a chapter each day during the month of March. Paul & Grisela will return to Mexico in April to enjoy time with Lightshine's 'family'.

In Latin America, homeless children are only permitted to reside in an orphanage until age 18. One of Lightshine's 2021 goals is to develop resources to prepare the older children at Ninos Con Fe to make a successful transition into adult life. We are starting 'apprentice' programs in auto mechanics and construction skills. Lightshine is sending a small team to Mexico in April, including Dan & Lori Parker and Paul & Grisela Eklund. Dan is a retired contractor and skilled mechanic. Stage one will feature Dan & Paul mentoring teens by working on 2 cars that were given to Ninos Con Fe. (Note: Dan's the mechanical one.... Paul will help with translation). Lori & Grisela will work together to prepare the older girls for adulthood. Lori was a dental hygienist for 26 years. She will be evaluating dental care alternatives for the children.

Doubling the size and population of an orphanage also increases the monthly expenses: Food, staff, utilities, education, health care... are all nearly double the amount in 2019, before our heroic team helped to enlarge the facilities. Please consider a commitment to donate monthly. Please consider providing vision gifts to Lightshine, to be used for college, trade school, or apprenticeships.

And.... consider making your time and skills a 'gift' to a homeless child. Like Dan and Lori and the dozens of you who have volunteered to come on a Lightshine trip!!

BLESSINGS!

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