

Dear Sponsor,

May 9, 2020

Toward the end of March, the Mexican Government put in place measures to restrict the spread of the virus. For Zihuatanejo this translated to the closing of schools, beaches and hotels. They instituted hygiene, social distancing and travel restriction measures. Thus far the virus attack on Zihua has been very mild but the shuttering of the tourist business has been devastating. Tourism, the mainstay of jobs, is idle and most of the bread winners of our students' families are unemployed. In rural Mexican families there are not many plans for the economic future other than the basics. If you don't work you don't eat and there is only very little governmental support.

Friends of Niños Adelante recognized immediately the impact this would have on our students. With input from Jose, our Board met and authorized an emergency relief fund to offer some uniform amount of financial assistance to all of the students and their families. We also wanted to make sure the key person in the Niños organization, Jose Bustos would have the resources to continue his administration and guidance of the students.

Thanks to you and our other wonderful sponsors, the response to our plea has been extremely gratifying and generous to the point of exceeding our goals. This allowed us to increase not only the amount per distribution to each student but also the number of distributions beyond what we originally thought possible. The first distribution to all 180 students took place on April 22 and 23. Each student received 700 pesos. In Jose's words "there were a lot of happy mothers". We now have the resources to fund three more distributions, the next of which is scheduled for the third week of May and will be 1000 pesos per student.

The below photos are from the first distribution in April. Jose and his wife, Ana, registered and distributed a cash payment to each of the 180 students (with a parent present) over the course of two days.



Thank you for all you do for the Niños. God Bless all of you and our wonderful students!

