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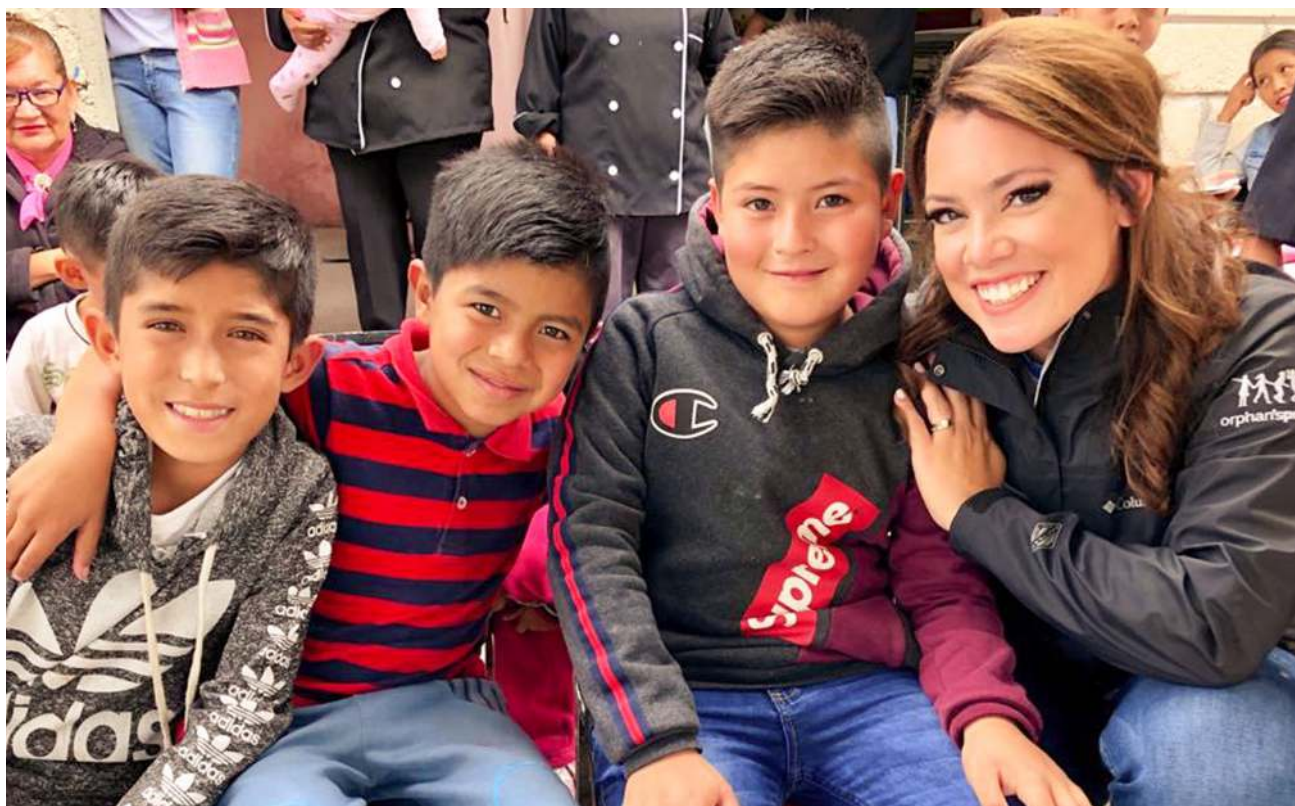
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love thy neighbor

The news for the last 18 to 24 months has focused so much on negative US-Mexico relations that we'd understand if you felt weary and worn down from the constant stories of sadness and desperation, anger and outrage. We know there are many varying opinions on the issues of border security and immigration, but we are not here to talk politics or foreign affairs. We believe every child, regardless of where they are born, should have the opportunity to succeed in the community where they live.

Conditions in Mexico vary from city to city and state to state, but in every corner of the country there are areas where children are hurting and broken because poverty, unemployment, substance abuse, or a lack of education are wreaking havoc on their families and communities. These are the spaces where we work. These are the communities where you're bringing hope and healing, love and acceptance to children desperate for a chance at a better life.



Angel in the black sweatshirt, second from the right

ANGEL PRAYS LIFE OVER HIS BROTHER

When complications during pregnancy forced Angel's mother, Fernanda, into early labor, doctors told her the baby would be stillborn. The family was devastated, but young Angel began to pray for his little brother. He believed God would spare his brother's life, and miraculously, the delivery room nurses were able to resuscitate the boy! Although they'd narrowly avoided one tragedy, Angel's mother had to leave her job to care for the new baby and the family struggled financially. Fernanda and her husband worried about Angel's well-being. "I had to quit my job, which had been providing extra income for the family. We did not know what we were going to feed Angel," she said.

The worried young mother soon found out about an Orphan's Promise project near their home where Angel could receive a warm meal and make new friends. He would be safe and well cared for after school, and he would never go to bed on an empty stomach. Angel said of the feeding program, **"The food they give us there is very delicious because they make it with a lot of love for us!"**

Thanks to your investment in his life, Angel is thriving today and his new brother, Jonathan, is growing up healthy and strong! Because of you, kids like Angel are finding peace and comfort in their local communities while their families are growing stronger

and more secure. Fernanda has a message for Orphan's Promise donors who have given her young family hope through trying times: "Thank you very much, because the truth is that the help you are giving is getting to where it is most needed. Thank you very much from my heart, and may God continue to give you more and bless you!"

When you answer God's call to invest in the lives of orphaned and at-risk children—to invest in the lives of families like Angel's—God shows up and uses your generosity to transform lives. Thank you for your continued partnership!

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from the field



by Abby Anderson
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Latin America

Tacos and Burritos and Tamales—oh my!

Who doesn't love good, cheap Mexican food, right? Well, I had my share of authentic Mexican food on my recent trip south of the border, and it absolutely did not disappoint! What I loved even more was being able to see first hand the impact Orphan's Promise is having across the whole country! From the tensions at the border to the beautiful beaches in Cancun, Mexico is a place I've heard a lot about in recent years but had not visited much.

What I didn't realize, until I saw it first hand, was how profound the Orphan's Promise impact is. I love how intentional our projects are, serving children and parents through our "Strong Families" program in the slums of Cancun ... and how a warm meal is the highlight of the day for children in our after-school programs on the outskirts of Mexico City.

Despite being stranded on the side of the road in Tijuana with a flat tire at 5 a.m., I would have to say this was one of the most impactful project visits I've been on in a long time.

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Our projects are solid and our staff is remarkable. When you're a part of the Promise, you're a part of something so much bigger than you can imagine! In Mexico and throughout Latin America, there is a tremendous value placed on family, but families are under immense stress due to poverty and difficulty in their communities. Because of your generosity, families are able to thrive in their own communities, and the kids who attend our projects are experiencing what it means to be a part of God's family. I have no doubt that God is going to continue doing amazing work through Orphan's Promise in Mexico. I would hate for you to miss out on being a part of it!

¡Vamos! (Let's go!)





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