



"The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly side of poverty . . ."

That's my gorgeous wife Maribel (middle) with two of our daughters ("mijas" - beloved daughters) from the ministry, Samantha (12) & Kimberly (13), posing for a photo just right after finishing up their new home built by a group of "abuelos" from Canada last month - their house dedication ceremony was so much fun because everything inside was brand new for them.

I had first walked into their "shack" (homes built with dry, rotted, and very ugly discarded pieces of any type of plywood looking lumber) almost two years ago and made a promise to myself to try to get them a new home, whatever it

took, meaning lots of prayer and supplication (Jas5:16) to the Almighty . . . our "mijas" deserved better . . . God is faithful.

Just yesterday those Magnificent Men in their Driving Machines (the Orange County All-Stars) were in town to knock out some work ("good works" Eph2:10) at a local church and also build three brand new shower stalls, something they have been doing in our community for over 8 years. One of the families that got blessed with a new place to soap up with an amazing view of the entire valley (window optional) from their shower stall was our Elias (12 - photo right) standing next to his mom (shortest - to his left) and his sister on his right. Elias has been a part of our ministry since he was 10, absolutely loves the Lord and is a prayer warrior, always wanting to do the right thing - they had moved into their "shack" built on a hillside months ago, and I had always wondered what it looked like inside, never having the courage to invite myself in until yesterday . . . what I saw brought tears to my eyes, so I hurried out and just tried to act cool . . .

I told his mom I know some groups who can build her a brand new home, and since she already had a foundation laid they might be able to build her a bigger home - our kid Elias deserves better living quarters. Please pray that God would provide for this family too, just like He did for **Samantha & Kimberly** - \$10 to \$12 thousand dollars would allow us to bless Elias with something new, exchange beauty for ashes . . . we started praying with **S&K** on their property back in October of last year - God took care of them in 4 months! We serve an amazing God . . . please pray



with us for Elias & family . . .

"Panterita" - This guy (photo - left - thumbs up) has been a part of our ministry since he was 10 - he is now 16 in high school and just recently decided to "rejoin" the ministry after making some major errors in his spiritual walk - please keep our kid in prayer. He too felt so special when the O.C. All-Stars showed up to bless him, his mom, and two little sisters with a brand new place to shower - while we were there I asked "mijo", "Where were you guys showering before?"

He showed me where and *how* they had been bathing before - yikes!!! (Ditto for S&K and Elias.)

I told Panterita while the guys were setting up his shower that he would **never** have to bathe that way ever again, that God had

always wanted to bless him with something better and to come back to the ministry on Wednesday to continue his walk with the Lord - that God wants to bless him with His very best - our God is able!

El Roble - Today we took three more of our kids "Christ-Mas" shopping (Christmas never ends!), Luis, Jovany & Elvis - I was able to pick up Luis near our home (Chapultepec), but then had to make a bit of a drive to pick up J&E. We were told they were staying with their mom in a "colonia" (community) known as El Roble. We had all heard about this place over the years, apparently a much "darker" community than our beloved El Zorrillo, which we thought was not possible . . .

When Luis and I finally make it to this "hood" via Google maps, we were shocked at what we saw - this was indeed a place we had no business being in, much less our kids Jovany & Elvis.

We had hoped that their mom was living in one of the newer homes that first greeted us as we drove up the hill close to where she lived, but when we finally arrived close to our destination we saw streets filled with garbage, everywhere, in some places piled up waist high. This was where their mom lived.



I didn't even try driving down the street, then we saw J&E emerge from their mom's place and walk to our van around piles of garbage . . .

On our way shopping Jovany explained to us that EVERYONE in the community just throws their garbage out into the streets, they really don't care - and yes, there is a lot of violence in the community so when they visit mom they try to stay inside and don't venture out much, not even during the day.

I thought after being in Ensenada since 2007 I had seen it all, the worst of the worst, until today.

PLEASE pray that Jovany and Elvis' mom can find a better place, a safe place where they can visit her and at least feel secure walking down the street - also please pray for their safety when they are visiting, usually it's their little sister Katy (13) who stays with mom on the weekends.



Our kids deserve way better than this . . . Lord make a way.

Samantha & Kimberly - I believe I've shared this before, but over 18 months ago these two sweethearts (left & right, photo) were abandoned by their mom who moved to another state, leaving dad to do all the parenting - we praise God that we have been able to come alongside and take care of our girls when needed, having them in our home during the week.

However, just yesterday their dad told me that he is now leaving for a month - apparently he has a job opportunity near La Paz and he can make a lot more money to help improve his property, the girls have told me otherwise.

Regardless, we had him sign an agreement giving us full responsibility for the girls until he gets back - please pray that he actually comes back, because we discovered he's leaving with his brand new girlfriend. Their mom did the same thing, never to come back home . . .

Our girls are really upset, now with their dad too - *his plan* was to leave them alone in their brand new home to fend for themselves with just enough money to get by for the month . . . our girls deserve so much better than to be treated this way!

PLEASE pray for us, that we can make our girls feel welcomed and loved in our home, and that God provide all their needs (our needs too) - my wife and I welcome this opportunity to minister to our girls 24/7, and just love on them like any normal parents.

PLEASE keep us in prayer . . . I'm getting old and grumpy and I'm not sure how I'm going to handle these two young whipper-snappers, when all I want to do is sit in my recliner and watch reruns of The Brady Bunch - my wife on the otherhand is such an amazing "mom" to all our kids in the ministry, she was made for such a time as this! To God be the glory!

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From Left to Right:
 Samantha, Maribel, Kimberly
 Jovany, Samson, Elvis
 Katy, ME, Sayra

