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Dear Friends of City of Angels:

Merry Christmas! Every year around Christmas a spirit of anticipation begins to weave its way through the home. Chores for the children somehow become a little less tedious when the purpose is to prepare for the upcoming Christmas party. The last day of classes before vacation is in sight and the children look forward to a change of pace for a few weeks. December is sprinkled with special parties for the children, some hosted by American groups and some local events hosted by Mexican businesses and organizations.

The spirit of Christmas anticipation is not unique to our home or to Mexico. We know that December is an exciting month for you and your family as you whirl through shopping, parties, presents and time with family and friends. We also know that many of you are thinking of the children at City of Angels and wondering what you can do to make this celebration of Jesus' birthday a special time for them. Well, here are a couple suggestions for you...



One great way you can help us is by making a financial contribution this holiday season. Your generous donation at this time of year will help carry us through January and February, when giving traditionally decreases. When you send your contribution, please use the enclosed donation slip or use our website to donate online.

Another way you can support our ministry this Christmas is by sending gifts of *new* clothing. Staff and kids alike look forward to Christmas at City of Angels because it is the only time of year we receive brand new clothing for the children. We are thankful for donations of used clothing throughout the year which help us to clothe the kids. However, out of necessity the used clothing is shared between children at the orphanage, depending on what is clean and who needs to wear the shirt that day. On the other hand, when the children receive gifts of new clothing

at Christmas it is something of great value to them. They put their name on it, fold it and put it away when they are not using it, and are very protective of it. This year some of our supporting churches have already committed to providing Christmas toys for our kids. Now we are looking for individuals and/or churches that would be willing to bring or send gifts of new clothing and new shoes for the City of Angels kids.

We are always delighted to have churches come down and throw a party for the children during December. But equally as special and effective is to send gifts for the children ahead of time. When you and/or your church send us the gifts ahead of time, it enables us to have gifts on hand to give to the children on Christmas Day. In this way you help us make December 25<sup>th</sup> a special day for the children.

We also want to let you know that we have just posted this year's list of kids with photos, ages and sizes on our website. Please check it out and use it for your church if you would like to buy presents for the children for Christmas or if you just want to see the kids' smiling faces and pray for them. You can find the list at <http://www.tjkids.org/kidlist>



Don't forget to use the enclosed donation slip when you send your gift this month. You can use the same slip to indicate if you would like to give to our ministry on a monthly basis throughout the year to help cover regular costs of food, gas, and school expenses. And we would like to remind you that donations can also be made on our website! Just go to <http://www.tjkids.org/how-to-help/> . And remember that all donations to City of Angels are tax-deductible.

Before closing, we would like to ask you to still your heart for a moment and remember the purpose behind this time of year. City of Angels, your donations, celebrating Christmas, parties, gift giving, all of the hustle and bustle, busyness and pressure really come back to one all-surpassing person: Jesus Christ. He is the reason for our celebration, the motive for our ministry and the purpose for which we live life. May you love Him more and become more like Him each day.

Christmas blessings,

*Sergio Gomez*  
President and Founder