

Thanksgiving 2018

If you want to help for a day, give them rice;
If you want to help for a while, give them a tree;
If you want to help for an eternity, give them an education

Prayer sent to kids who lose shoes, and those who have none to lose.



*We pray for children
Who sneak Popsicles before supper.
Who erase holes in math
workbooks.
Who can never find their shoes.
And we pray for those
who stare at photographers from
behind barbed wire.
Who can't bound down the street in
a new pair of sneakers.
Who never "counted potatoes,"
Who are born in places we
wouldn't be caught dead in.
Who never saw a circus.
Who live in an X-rated world.
We pray for children
Who bring us sticky kisses and
fistfuls of dandelions.
Who hug us in a hurry and forget
their lunch money.
And we pray for those
Who never get dessert.
Who have no security blanket to
drag behind them.
Who watch their parents watch
them die.
Who can't find any bread to steal.
Who don't have any rooms to clean up.
Whose pictures aren't on anybody's
dresser.
Whose monsters are real.*

*We pray for children
Who spend all their allowance before
Tuesday.
Who throw tantrums in the grocery
store and pick at their food.*

*Who like ghost stories.
Who shove their dirty clothes under
the bed and never rinse out the tub.
Who get visits from the tooth fairy.*



*(This 8-year-old is eating a banana she
found scavenging in the city dump.)*

*Who don't like to be kissed in
front of the car pool.
Who squirm in church or temple
and scream into the phone.
Whose tears we sometimes laugh
at
and whose smiles can make us cry.
And we pray for those
Whose nightmares come in the
daytime.
Who will eat anything.
Who have never seen a dentist.
Who aren't spoiled by anybody.
Who go to bed hungry and
cry themselves to sleep.
Who live and move, but have
no being.*



*David with Felipe giving out water to the
scavengers of the new Tijuana city dump*

*We pray for children
Who want to be carried.
And for those who must be.
For those we never give up on,
and for those who never get a second
chance.
For those we smother
And for those who will grab the hand
of anybody kind enough to offer it.*



This is a home at the Tijuana dump.

*Photographs are of both Matagalpa and
Tijuana garbage dumps.*

*Happy Thanksgiving
David, Students, Teachers,
and the Board of Directors*

*If funding permits, we will provide a holiday dinner
for each family living around the new Tijuana dump.*

