

MEGAN & 'MANDO IN MEXICO update

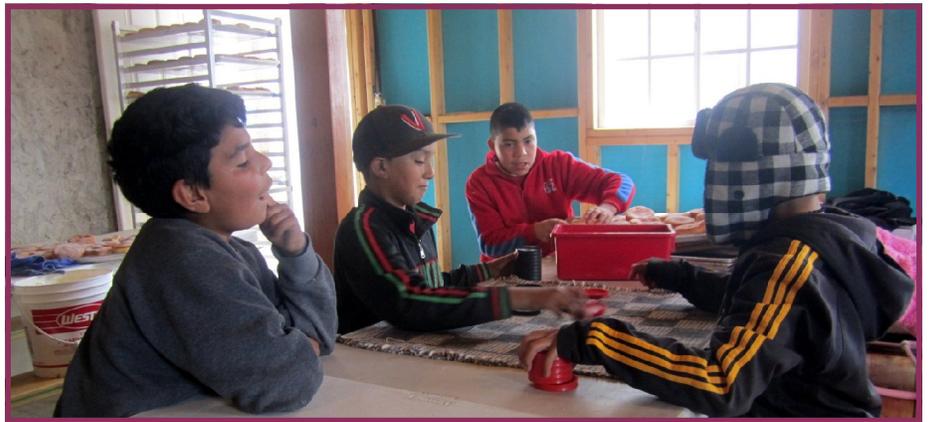
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Question: What do donuts, spaghetti, checker games and boxing gloves have in common?

Answer: They've all been part of our impromptu "spring break camp" this past week! The kids here are out of school the week after Holy Week as well, so quite a few of them have been showing up to learn how to make donuts with Armando. They spend the morning helping Armando make donuts (while learning how themselves), eat lunch with us, then pair up and go out to sell their share of the donuts. Once they've come back to turn in their trays and the bakery's share of the profit, they've been hanging around playing board games or boxing with each other until the evening. The group of 4 boys in the photo below have come every single day; it's been so neat to watch them get excited and take ownership of the *Panes y Pececillos* bakery! Praise God!

Please pray for all of these kids — but especially BI, BA, J and C — that their motivation to work hard and learn a trade will not fade but rather continue to grow! Pray that God would use us at *Panes y Pececillos* to give them hope and help for a better future. Pray also for Armando, that he would have patience and wisdom with his "apprentices," and for us both that we would speak (and demonstrate) the truth in love to them!



family update:

The month began with finding out that our grandma (Megan's dad's mom) had fallen and entered hospice. Megan & Eliana flew back to MN, hoping Eliana could meet her Great-Grandma Gladys just once, but Grandma went home to be with Jesus before we arrived. We were able to spend time with family — most of whom hadn't yet met Eliana — and be part of Grandma's memorial service, for which we were so glad! Armando, as always, did a superb job of "holding down the fort" both at home and at *Panes y Pececillos*. Please pray for strength for **Armando** as he wakes up at 5am to cook/serve the food for breakfast club, then spends 4+ hours making donuts, then goes out all afternoon to sell donuts/shoes...plus he does all of the ministry shopping! He's pretty much working 3 jobs and it can be exhausting. Speaking of jobs, pray also for **Megan** as she returns to work on May 3rd; 12-hour shifts will make for very long weekends of missing her baby girl :(And finally, pray for **Eliana**, that she will adjust well and do okay with her Auntie!

