



IMPORTANT! We've been talking about it for a while and after a rough last few weeks we have realized that it is time!! Our old van is limping more than it's running these days and we have decided it is time to buy a new or slightly used van. We have always hesitated to spend our donations on capital items. We love spending your gifts on people things.... teacher salaries and bags of groceries and school supplies. We seldom talk about our building or our vehicles. But we could not do our job without them. You probably don't know that our van is on the road 3-4 hours every single day. Luis begins picking up children every morning at about 8:00 and winds his way throughout Bucerias and the nearby countryside gathering 25 children, including our 5 babies. At noon he travels to 5 different public schools either delivering children to classes or bringing them back to Refuge for lunch and afternoon classes and homework help. At 4:00 he delivers 25-30 back to their homes. For many of our children, these free rides make the difference between receiving an education or spending the day locked in houses so mom can work. Weekends and evenings see church runs, donation pickups, trips to medical appointments, sign language classes and other family emergency assignments. It's important work our van does each day – but you can imagine what 3-4 hours on these bumpy, narrow roads does to a 16-year-old van. Last week we had to leave it running most of the day because every time we turned it off it wouldn't restart! We have realized that while we want to be wise in our spending, we also need to be safe with our precious cargo, and our old grey friend is no longer safe or reliable! Repair costs are starting to add up and feel wasteful.

We are therefore asking you to consider giving an **extra donation** to go towards the purchase of a replacement van. We are searching the area for a new or slightly used Nissan 15-17 passenger van - - what we purchase will depend on what we raise! We would love to complete the purchase in the very near future. It's a big ask but we know it's the right time and the right purchase to help us continue our important work with our children and their moms.

The Reality:



The Dream:



How To Give:

We have many ways you can give from Canada, USA, or Mexico. Click this link or go to the HOW TO HELP page on our website

[DONATE HERE](#)

After you set up your gift, drop us an email to confirm your gift is specifically for our new van!

Grant & Karen. Tom & Mimi