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The Durkin family showing the highway sign for the church

Dear friend of COC,

A few weeks ago, the COC board flew Pastor Keith Durkin up to do some strategic planning for our Oct 30 to Nov 3 Mission Trip. We had a great meeting where we were able to hear from Keith all that God is doing in Bucerias! I wish you could have been there to hear it first hand. Here's just a little bit of what he told us...



"We have had the privilege to baptize several new believers since we started the church plant. One woman who was infected with the AIDS virus by her husband came to Christ in our church. She asked us last week to be baptized to make a public testimony about her faith in Jesus. Although she lives with a fatal disease she always has a smile on her face and is a wonderful example to all of us.

We also just did a Vacation Bible School with the theme being "Princes and Princesses, you are royalty". The children were taught that God made us "Kings and Priests" and that those who know Christ are part of the Royal Family.



Burger King donated 150 crowns. We took them to a man who works at an Auto Body shop and for \$20 he painted them silver. We added costume jewelry in their crowns for each child they invited or other merits they earned during the VBS. I was praying for over 100 kids to show up for VBS. We had 120 kids come. Hallelujah!" ... from Pastor Keith Durkin

As we talked and planned for COC's next trip, here is what we realized:

Our first and foremost goal in going to this area of Mexico is and always has been to establish and grow a Christian Community for God's kingdom.

What's most exciting to report....**It's happening!**

What's Our Part?

In light of this as we discussed our continued service to the area, our Board President Mike Helm asked Keith, "What can we do to help you grow the church best?"

And so, for our October 30 – November 3rd trip, we've come up with a slightly different schedule than usual.

Friday - we will set up our clinics at a large private school, Colegio Bucerias that has worked with us before and has opened their doors to us. We can have 5 classrooms for Dental, Vision and

Medical. We will do children's ministry as well.

Saturday - we will do manual labor on the church grounds, doing as much as we can to ready the property for building. If we can raise some finances we will actually start to build the church.

Sunday - we will have a fiesta on the church grounds that are open to the entire surrounding community. Last time this was a huge success and we want to repeat it to get as many people exposed to the church grounds and people.

Very Specific Need

One very important need that we have is for 2 interns to serve with our church in Bucerias. Pastor Keith is overwhelmed with the work and opportunities that abound as the Durkin's pioneer this work for God. They need help! And what a great opportunity for a few American's to come alongside them and church plant. Knowing Spanish is not necessary, but you will need to raise your support...which is minimal (\$600 a month would cover all your basic needs), as well as make a 3-6 month commitment. If this is something that interests you, mark the enclosed card and send in today. or contact me by phone or email. I would love to talk with you! If you can't go, but want to sponsor someone who can...that would be great.

Information on our Next Trip

Our Oct 30 to Nov3 trip still has space and needs YOU! If you've never come with us, I can promise you an awesome time of service and fellowship, with amazing surroundings! Visit our website (www.circleoc.com) and you can watch online one of our outreaches in action (click on home page - Bucerias Outreach 2007). If you're interested and able to come, contact me TODAY! Space and time is limited.

I hope to hear from you soon, and if you are able, we can sure use your support for COC. Our giving has been down, as well as my personal support. Can you help?

I appreciate you and your faithful partnership with us,



Pastor George