



Every Smile Tells the Story!



December 8, 2009

Dear Friend,

Just a few weeks ago, we returned from another successful mission trip. We had added another day to this trip, left on a Wednesday and came home on a Monday. Even during the hot, humid and rainy summer, both the English and Spanish churches have grown! Our church staff has done a spectacular job of reaching out to the people of Buceras. We've started a community program called "kilo for kilo" where people who work cleaning up trash in public areas and parks, or paint signs at the city entrances receive a chit that allows them to get enough food for a week. Plus every Saturday we feed over 400 at the church with a warm breakfast.

What We Did

Thursday morning we went to the church land to work. Because my son Eric is not used to manual work (he is a pastor), he got blisters on his hand he used to shovel cement. But his mother was sympathetic. All the construction crew worked very hard in the hot sun building a needed wall, and making a sidewalk in the front.

The rest of the team worked in the community. Some painted and cleaned at a park, while others organized the upcoming days of outreach. Our Evangelism team walked several miles, passing out hundreds of flyers on the street letting everyone know of the free clinics and services for Friday and Saturday. Thursday evening we did a great outreach at a plaza in a poorer area. After face painting, balloons, music and sharing the Gospel, we made and gave out close to 300 pancakes and milk to the kids! It's like dessert for them.

On Friday we accomplished more construction on the church land as well as set up our Eyeglass Clinic & Chiropractic care at a local school with almost 1,000 children. It was a great day with so much help from the La Fuente Vanguard team of dynamic young people. The kids had crafts, class photos, dramas, music and a lesson based on the life of Joseph. One older lady that Nina Hooper prayed for told her she that she had never had someone pray for her before.

Saturday, we held a huge community outreach on the church property. Over 300 were fed a hot breakfast, as well as Dr. Lillie and Dr. Norma fitting people for eyeglasses. We also had family photos, face painting, a service in Spanish, kids crafts and our evangelism team who led many to Jesus.

The picture of this little boy really touched us because on our last trip, we had found him dragging himself around at the school we were ministering. Our church staff got involved, and assisted in him getting to the Dr, and receiving treatment. He is now WALKING with the aid of crutches! Just one life changed makes each trip worthwhile!

My son Eric preached a great message to the English speaking church and our friend Wilmer preached the Spanish speaking service at 7:00pm Sunday night. Many decisions to accept the Lord were happening every day.



I so appreciate the great team we had both from the USA and from Mexico (and even the few Canadians that tagged along!) Each person served and gave with such willing hearts!



Let's Build the Church!

Great News! We broke ground in faith for the building permits (which should be in any day!) Pastor Keith made a special "gold" shovel just for the occasion and I had the honor of turning up the first plug of land! First phase will be to build the classrooms that can be used for Bible Studies, Kids Sunday school as well as community service with English classes and more.

When we look back over the past 12 years of ministering in this area of Mexico, we are so thankful for God's faithful leading. Our teams have faithfully served any and all, and we are now so happy to be building a permanent church that will expand the ministry and be able to really impact this region of Mexico.

Next Trip...Can you Come??

It looks like next year we will go May 13 to 17 and also we hope to offer 1 day more, and do May 12 to 17. On our last day, another team of 30 from Florida will arrive to install a playground with Chris Marshall from Kids Around the World (kidsaroundtheworld.com). Thank you Chris and Kids for making this possible! It will be a huge attractor for the church, and will be built on government land next door to our church property.

We hope you can join or support us for the May outreach. As you can see, the needs are great. Feeding the poor, healing the sick, ministering to the downtrodden and building a church. It all takes resources. Even if you can't be the hands and feet for the work, being on the giving end is just as crucial. God loves a cheerful giver.

We have a large container taking the playground down and we can fill the empty spots with bibles, tracts, Gospel of John, VBS material, wheelchairs, glasses and many other needy items.

If you can't give financially, please know your prayers are just as needed and appreciated. Thank you for your desire to stay updated on our ministry. We couldn't do it without you!

We say Merry Christmas to you all,

Pastor George & Betty Wakeling

Next Trip: 5/13 – 5/17...! Mark your calendars!