

Oct 30 - Nov 3rd Outreach Report



Bilingual service...every seat was filled!

November 2008

Dear friend,

We never know exactly what to expect when we do our mission trips to Mexico. Of course we always carefully plan and prepare. But this trip was a little different because on September 11th the new government of Nayarit, the state we work in came into power. Since DIF, The Mexican Social Service dept is strategic for our site prep, our best hope was that they would be as helpful and supportive as the last government. Thankfully, it all went well!

This trip we used as our base a large private school, Colegio Bucerias located just down the street from La Fuente Riveria, our church in Bucerias. The Director, her staff and students were so accommodating to us both days. But, our real thanks go to Pastor's Keith & Maya Durkin of La Fuente Riveria who was the key to how well everyone worked together. All the work they did in the previous weeks made it easier for our US team, as well as the group from Tepic, DIF and the school staff. What a blessing!

What did we do?

Church land work crew: Our team painted in the very hot sun a huge metal palapa plus a long, block wall. They poured a concrete footing all along the front of the property to anchor our new fence. Then they poured a sidewalk from the parking area to the church slab so when the rainy season comes, people won't have to walk in the mud. They also helped plant flowers and shrubs. They worked hard and what a difference it made!

The Clinics

Medical: We had so many doctors, many of them specialists in different fields, who saw hundreds of adults and children. They had several classrooms for exam rooms along with a room for our pharmacy.

Dental: We had several dentists, hygienists and other helpers who worked steady for 2 days.

Vision: Dr Lillie Rose Mayberry and her team of 10 worked many hours until over 260 were seen. They gave out both prescription and reading glasses. Bibles were given in each of the clinics as well. *(A special thank you to Heritage Christian Church for providing the funds for these!)*

Our photography ministry: Chuck ball and his team took photos of over 1,000 people! A very popular offering to give away framed family photos to so many.

Children's Ministry Team: Friday, our team along with the Vanguard Discipleship students and leaders from Tepic walked the village and passed out flyers for all our outreaches. Saturday, the La Fuente Tepic team did Jimbay drums, clowns, and gave testimonies to a few hundred children. Then soccer, crafts, puppet shows and dramas were shared.



Sunday Church & Fiesta: You can see from the photos that every seat was filled! It was great to see Pastor's Keith and Maya receive the locals, both Mexican and those from English speaking GAP (Grace and Peace) Church that is now combining with La Fuente Riveria. After a time of worship, while Keith gave a great message, our team helped with the children's program - the kids from Tepic La Fuente gave a bible study, & we all helped with face painting, decorating candy bags and animal balloons. Too fun!

I had the opportunity to be interviewed on Mexican national TV and share the work we are doing. Pastor Keith and Maya had their first English speaking service on Nov 9th. This was such an important milestone in our church planting vision.

"Behold, the harvest is ripe..."

For eleven years we have tilled the ground and sowed seed. Many of you have worked alongside of us, either by going on a trip with us, or giving sacrificially, and we appreciate each of you! We are now seeing the fruit of our labor. But, there is much more to be done. Our end goal....to reach the poor and needy with the saving message of Jesus Christ and His love for them, and to firmly establish His church so they can grow in His knowledge and wisdom.

We still need your prayers.

Please pray that we can get the permits to build our church. VERY IMPORTANT. Pray for funds for more staff. Also we need two more interns for the church staff to help Keith and Maya. We need another woman and man to pioneer with them in this exciting work.

Our next trip to Bucerias is May 28 to June 1, 2009. We hope YOU can join us. Consider giving the gift of a trip with us as a Christmas gift to someone you love...a spouse, family member, or take the whole family! It's a trip you won't forget!

Can you help us financially? We desperately need your help and support. After expending \$140,000 on the church land our funds are depleted. I know these days, our economy is challenging each of us to tighten our belts, but we ask that you would pray about investing in this eternal work. *Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated.*

As the holiday season rapidly approaches, I pray that your heart and home is filled with the peace and joy through Christ our Lord.

Yours truly,

George Wakeling

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George".

Pastor George