



*The kids at La Cruz wearing their Circle T-shirts*

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Dear friend,

It seems like after each of our Mexico outreach trips we say "this was the best one ever!" Well...on our recent 21<sup>st</sup> trip to villages near Puerto Vallarta we were able to touch the lives of more children and adults than ever before. We had close to 150 volunteers from the USA, La Fuente Church in Tepic and the Mexican Social Services DIF.

Following is a brief report of what we provided at the villages we visited; Higuera Blanca (where we were last year) and La Cruz de Huanacastle, our first visit. Let me also say, "Thank you" to those who have helped in the past, maybe you've prayed, maybe you helped financially, or maybe you've gone with us ... no matter which, your partnership makes all of this possible.

### **The Clinics**

- Our medical clinic had 12+ doctors who treated 83 patients
- Our dental team of 6 served 166 people
- Our vision teams, led by Optometrist Dr Lillie Mayberry in La Cruz and Bill & Colleen Fallowfield in Higuera Blanca gave glasses to over 650 people.
- Legal Aid Clinic - On Saturday, we had a lawyer friend available to offer free legal advice. He has agreed to give us 2 days in November.



### **Prayer and Evangelism**

While the clinics were operating, Mike Appel had a prayer/evangelism team walking the village streets. This team was American and Mexicans praying for the people and the team. They led over 43 confirmed decisions to Christ! This is not counting decisions from the adults and children at the 2 schools we were at. Also given were hundreds of Bibles, New Testaments and Gospels of John.

### **Children's Ministry**

Our children ministry teams ministered to over 400 children in La Cruz and 150 in Higuera Blanca. They taught the kids Christian songs, prayed and played with them, taught them Bible lessons, played soccer, colored T-shirts, did a bunch of crafts, gave prizes and had a ton of fun!

Pastor Keith and Maya Durkin, along with Youth Group Pastor, Fredi, brought many of La Fuente's youth group to help. They minister in such a sweet way to the kids and really make all the difference! We never want to do a trip without them... La Fuente has become such a valuable partner with COC and **will be pioneering a base and church in the La Cruz area**, God willing.



*Maya Durkin ministering with the kids*

**Family Portraits**

Chuck and Judy Ball, Tara Laing and their helpers took over 550 photos and framed over 300 family photos. For many families, these were the first and only photos ever made. It is a precious and valuable gift that is such a blessing.

**Painting Crew**

Our Master Painter, Jim Waldron, had a hard working crew of 10 working in the hot sun and they painted half of the 12-room school in La Cruz.



**Exciting Opportunity Ahead!**

A local professor contacted our host, Rod Ingram, and requested that in November we visit a remote village called Yelapa, It is on the coast south of Puerto Vallarta, difficult to reach by car.. we would travel by boat. They have a 3-room schoolhouse with 54 students, plus there are 1,200 people that live in the village. He wants us to come there early one day, do our program, stay overnight in the homes of locals, and come back late the next night. I need to work out the logistics of this, but can you imagine the opportunity to evangelize the entire village?

I just bought 50 airline tickets for our November 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> trip. We hope you can join our team as we minister again. No special skills are required, just a willing heart.

Can you join us?

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

Pastor George

*Smiles like these make it all worthwhile!*



*Betty and me, La Cruz - June '07*



*They are precious in His sight...and ours*

PS We had over \$2000 dollars donated towards our Bibles and supplies...we still ran out of Bibles and could have used many more. If you can help, we'll start ordering now for November's trip. 100% of your gifts will be used to help with supplies and Bibles. Just mark Mexico on the memo of your check, or you can go online to our website [www.circleoc.com](http://www.circleoc.com) and donate with a credit card. Thank you so much.