



May 22, 2008

Dear Friend,



*April 2008 Outreach Team*

Just a few weeks ago our team of 40+ returned from another successful outreach trip to Bucerias, Mexico; just north of Puerto Vallarta. Each trip, we never know quite what to expect. We have our plans and schedule, but have learned that we need to be flexible and ready for the unexpected. This trip was no exception.

### **Largest School Ever**

As we walked onto the large school grounds it was full of children -- the morning shift of almost 500 along with their teachers. They were waiting for us and full of energy and excitement. The afternoon shift came after lunch, again almost 500, and we were told these were the poorer children, most not wearing the usual uniform.

Pastor Keith Durkin had arranged for us to use the town square across the street to minister to the kids. It was a perfect "amphitheater," with seating all around, and a stage at one end. The La Fuente Tepic youth group performed music, skits and sharing about Jesus. All 500 morning schedule, and 500 afternoon children participated by listening, singing along, and even dancing. It drew quite the crowd of passer-by's, and the local shop owners as well. What a great opportunity to share the Lord!

### **Needs Are Met – People are Blessed**

Some of our Mexican Doctors that we partner with could not come due to a car accident, but we improvised and it all worked well. Along with our team, La Fuente Tepic, and DIF's help, we had Dr's, Dentists and an awesome Vision clinic where they served hundreds of people who patiently waited.



Our photo team, led by Chuck Ball did an amazing job and really blessed the people by taking and framing several hundred family photos. Lisa Tanner and Chuck also took class photos, not only at the school where we were, but also at the school that had lent us their soccer field for the kid's activities last Fall. Something so normal for us like having a class photos, is a treasure for them and something they've never had.

On Saturday, we gave each of the 400 children a T-shirt to color. That's almost \_ of the school and the biggest turn out ever for a non-school day As you can see, the T-shirt was printed with info on the new church we are helping plant – La Fuente Riviera Nayarit. It even lists the service times! Good PR, eh?

Our hard working painting crew painted a large part of the school ... working around the hundreds of children who were participating in the crafts, Bible lessons, games and more.

## **Fiesta Time**

Then Saturday afternoon we had a "fiesta" on the church land. Hundreds came! Now many more people know where the church is. Keith and his family, and many of the parishioners worked so hard in preparing for it. It included lots of music, two trampolines, food, games and more. They honored Betty and I with a beautiful painting that we have hung in our family room and will treasure forever.



## **What's Next?**

Hopefully by the time you get this letter we will have purchased (through a loan) the second lot for the church, and be on our way to pulling the building permits.

Many of you generously and sacrificially helped in raising the \$113,000 USD that's gotten us this far in establishing a permanent base. We still need another \$37,000 to payback and finalize the land purchase we've committed to. We're so excited to begin on the actual building process.

La Fuente Tepic (the "mother" church) is helping us get the property ready for the rains, by adding some cement walkways, gravel, and coverings. Then, the real building can begin!

We've come a long way in these ten years. God has been so good in leading us one step at a time, helping us find the best place, the right Pastor and family, and the right time. The harvest is ready for reaping!

Will you partner with us in this effort to build His church? The field is ready...the harvest is ahead.

Blessings to you,

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

George Wakeling

**Important Note:** Our dates for the Fall Nayarit Outreach are now : October 30 – November 3. These are great "weather" dates! If you can't join us, you can still participate by financially supporting our needs for Outreach supplies: Bibles, Chairs for the church, Orphanage help, Kids Program supplies, eyeglasses and more. Every dollar is spent on helping those in need.