Sowing Seeds of Healing and Hope
**Mexican Medical Received**
**Great Blessings From God.**

2006 was a very good year. 2006 was a very hard year. We gained a couple of hundred new medical volunteers and we literally served thousands of patients. We used the hospitals we built to care for folks needing surgery and we visited numerous public places and churches bringing the health fairs. Community based medicine became a large part of what Mexican Medical did in 2006.

We utilized two mobile dental units and visited schools, churches and migrant camps delivering people from their suffering. In the outreaches we gave out thousands of tooth brushes. We advanced the care for the people of southern Mexico near Palenque in the state of Chiapas with surgical teams twice last year. Thousands of Gospels of John were shared as we checked people’s vision and gave them reading glasses.

A large blessing for us was the addition of the Gabriel House near Ensenada. They have been faithfully serving abandoned and handicapped children for 12 years and they needed a mission covering here, stateside. We were given the opportunity to extend a hand of fellowship to them and we have been the richer because of it. We always get blessed when we obey God’s word. Serving these special children has changed Mexican Medical and how we look at our role in Mexico.

We did have tragedy in 2006 when one of our volunteer planes crashed, killing three of our beloved co-workers. It was a freak engine failure and nothing could have prevented it. We were devastated emotionally, but the team Mexican Medical has developed rose to the occasion to minister to the families of the lost. It caused us all to question if we really believe in what we are doing and if it is worth dying for those whom we serve. The answer is a resounding yes.

The people of Mexico still need the medical care we can bring. The people of Mexico need to hear the words of Hope and Love about Jesus and see it demonstrated through our actions. The Lord we serve is an all knowing God and though it hurts we have assurance that He is in control.

We anticipate that in 2007 God will accomplish even more with and through his people. Our prayer is that we can be faithful with the responsibility with which He has entrusted us. We want to be good stewards of his people and resources. We pray that we can be effective in building up God’s kingdom and spreading His love through service to the people of Mexico.

Steve Crews
President
Mr. and Mrs. Jose Garcia are examples of how God can touch lives. This couple came to the December 9th Medical Brigada that Mexican Medical was conducting in Tijuana. God touched their hearts and they prayed to receive Jesus as their personal Savior. Mr. Jose Garcia is 97 years old and his wife is 92 years old.

Dr. Cesar Tamez has served with Mexican Medical Ministries for many years as a Surgeon and Medical Director of the Buen Samaritano Hospital in Tijuana. God has placed on his heart to reach the people in Tijuana by coordinating and directing these Medical Brigadas.

These are outreaches that use doctors, dentists, nurses and other medical professionals that come from Mexican and American churches.

Usually the Brigada will start with the volunteers standing in a circle as Dr. Cesar Tamez explains how the medical-evangelistic clinic will work that day. On this day in December there were over 120+ volunteers who came together from local churches in Tijuana and churches from the U.S.

The Dec. 9th Brigada had volunteers who showed their dedication, and desire to be used by God on this day. When the Brigada ended that day there had been more than 890 people from the community who came looking for medical care. 245 adults and 115 children found the Healer of all ailments, Jesus!

Angel is a 2-year-old boy who lives with his family in the rugged mountainous area near Palenque, Chiapas. Angel’s family brought him to the clinic because he had a cleft palate that was greatly affecting his speech and physical appearance.

This state of Chiapas can be described as one of the poorest states in Mexico; a high percentage of people live in homes that do not have electricity or running water. Serious health issues such as malnutrition, tuberculosis and infant deaths plague this state of Mexico more than many of the states of Mexico.

September of this year a medical team went to Palenque, lead by missionary Kristi Libby, R.N. They did a wide range of surgeries which included hysterectomies with bladder suspension, elimination of growths on eyes, gall bladders, cysts removal and eye lid surgery.

The team performed 32 major surgeries. Working with a local doctor and dentist, the team was able to do 100 consultations and see 113 dental patients.

Angel and his family were some of those who Mexican Medical was able to help. The ministry of Mexican Medical impacted Angel’s life and family.
Allan & Rosy Lee

live in San Quintin where Allan works among the indigenous people groups of Mexico, in particular, the Copala Trique (TREE-kay) people.

He also serves as an “indigenous peoples advocate” for this group. He seeks to facilitate ministries to the Triques in the area.

He has networked in connection with other groups to minister where Triques are found, both in Mexico and the U.S., promoting the development and distribution of ministry resources in the Trique language.

Allan also serves many other people groups through his efforts to distribute audio and video resources in various indigenous languages. In years past, he spearheaded the efforts to dub the JESUS video into the Tumbalá Ch'ol and Juxtlahuaca Mixtec languages.

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Gary & Pam Sheveland

have touched many lives in Cabo San Lucas. They work with teams who come from the U.S. and Canada to serve churches in Mexico. These teams have shown films, held Health Fairs and Vacation Bible Schools.

The Shevelands, through construction projects, have blessed many families in the Cabo area. Their main objective is to support the local Mexican pastors through these various projects.

God has used them to oversee and facilitate a wide range of construction projects. This year they helped build a home for a pastor, remodeled a grocery store into a church/youth center, and constructed a kitchen and bathroom for teams.

Gary & Pam seek to enable local pastors through these projects to better reach people in their communities.

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Jim & Jan Ritchie

work alongside the national staff at the Hospital Filadelfia, which is located south east of Tijuana in an area of explosive growth with a current population between 1.5 - 2.0 million people.

Mexican nationals are lead by Dr. Hazael Hatchett, the resident surgeon, at this hospital. Jim has brought in caravan teams who have assisted Dr. Hatchett on projects including the maintaining and remodeling of the hospital facilities.

These teams have also been used to work along side local churches near the hospital to reach out to the community through construction and VBS.

Jim & Jan have had a ministry that is directly tied into what the nationals are doing. Jim works mainly at the hospital and Jan has worked very closely with a local Christian school, which is at a church near the hospital.

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Steve & Arlene Davis

ministry is based at the Clínica La Esperanza, just south of the town of San Quintin.

This clinic ministers to communities and migrant camps that are common throughout the region. This area of Mexico has a significant seasonal migration, attracting up to 30,000 Indigenous farm workers from mainland Mexico.

Besides caravan teams from churches, the clinic this year has hosted many medical teams. The medical teams often include dentists, chiropractors, audiologists, ophthalmologists, general practitioners and nurses.

The people in the camps are blessed by the services provided by these professionals. But Steve & Arlene’s passion is that each person who
**Ted & Irene “Renie” Faver**

founded the **Gabriel House** just south of Ensenada. In 1995 they saw a desperate need to help the profoundly handicapped children of Mexico.

Gabriel House strives to extend hope and dignity to the children at no cost to their impoverished families.

It has grown to its present day population of 50+ children by dedicating itself to the total care and rehabilitation of profoundly handicapped children. A wing has been added for babies and children with immune deficiency disorders.

Ted & Renie’s ministry has grown where today the Gabriel House offers regular school to the able learners, special education to the mentally disabled and physical therapy.

**Bob & Wendy Webb**

serve as **Area Missionaries in San Felipe**. This small fishing community is transforming into a major tourist destination.

It is a city of about 28,000 people with an ever-increasing population. But during the spring break each year, its population will soar to 80,000 - 100,000 people.

This year they have connected church caravan teams with local churches in San Felipe so that the local churches might be empowered to reach their communities. One project this year was the establishment of a Christian Rehabilitation Center.

Bob & Wendy’s passion has been to work with youth and assist the churches with outreaches and activities to reach the lost of San Felipe.

**Don & Lorraine Karsgaard**

represents Christ in Loreto. Loreto is the location of the first Roman Catholic Mission in the Californias. Loreto is a growing city, projected by the year 2020 to have 125,000 people living in the area!

Don and Lorraine host teams who come for the weekend. These teams are made up of doctors, nurses, dentists and volunteers who use their expertise in medical outreaches in communities in and around Loreto. These medical professionals along with nationals from local Loreto churches will share with the patients the motivation that has brought them to Loreto.

After sharing with the patients, the dentists then pray for their concerns and work on their teeth. Doctors also pray with their patients and then help them accordingly. Through these medical teams Don & Lorraine have brought healing and hope to hundreds of lives to the Loreto area.

**Dave & Lynn Johnson**

minister in San Vicente, where indigenous people come from other parts of Mexico.

A key part of their ministry is the Mobile Dental Unit (MDU). They have developed a wonderful working relationship with the government agencies. They have been invited by them into the local schools to teach “Community Health”.

This program is continuing and has expanded to include programs for the parents. These open doors have served as opportunities to share about Jesus and his love to students, parents and teachers.

The Johnsons host both medical and short-term teams from the USA and partner with local national churches and governmental agencies to minister to the people of Mexico.
One of the core values that Mexican Medical holds as a foundational truth is that “we strive to bring healing to people.” Jesus healed people so they would experience the love and power of God.

As followers of Christ we seek to model Him because of His compassion for the sick, infirmed and diseased.

In 2006 there were over 658 people who made decisions for Christ as a result of coming in contact with our medical teams.

“This trip was of significance to our team in that it put all of us outside our comfort zone and more dependent on God. It also showed us the significance of working together as a (the) body of Christ as we shared our talents, abilities and resources to help reach our goals.”

- Team Leader

Caravan teams came to Mexico and worked alongside our missionaries in many ways. They ministered in migrant camps, with local churches, helping local government and worked on many homes.

In 2006 there were 32 Caravan teams for a total of 625 individuals that participated. They came from 7 states and 4 Canadian provinces. 28% of our teams were new teams that had never been with Mexican Medical before.
Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability Standards

Accountability to God is vital, but people form their impressions of both people and organizations by looking at the outward appearances (1 Samuel 16:7). The basis for establishing ECFA and developing Standards of Responsible Stewardship is stated clearly by the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 8:20, 21

The Standards, drawn from Scripture, are fundamental to operating with integrity. The ECFA Standards are seldom changed, providing members a steady baseline for consistent application of the Standards. The brief statements included in the Standards have significant implications; the Standards are simple but not simplistic.

These are not Standards that allow for grading on the curve. Rather, they are pass-fail Standards. If a member fails even one of the Standards, it is disqualified from ECFA membership.

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San Diego, California
THE MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of Mexican Medical Ministries is to bring Healing and Hope to the people of Mexico.”

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Photo: These men are from Palenque, Chiapas. They are waiting in line to receive reading glasses.