



MEXICAN MEDICAL MINISTRIES

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the book of II Timothy, the Apostle Paul writes to the young pastor, instructing him, “be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry... I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith” (4:5,7). These words ring true in our ears because this year Mexican Medical lost one of its great heroes of the faith. For nearly 40 years, Dr. César Tamez was an example of Paul’s words. He ran the race and finished the course well with a faithful testimony. He was not just a great surgeon, but also a faithful evangelist until the Lord called him home. He will be greatly missed.



In other areas of our ministry, time came to be marked by before the “great hurricane” and after. Hurricane Odile touched down in southern Baja, bringing 170-mph winds. Though it did not receive much media coverage, it did wreak havoc and destruction. Mexican Medical immediately prepared a crisis relief fund for the area. Thousands of dollars were received and delivered to faithful pastors there to rebuild homes and churches ravaged by the storm. The local churches have been doing an incredible job ministering in their neighborhoods, and churches have grown as a result.

It is evident that we have had a very dramatic year, but we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to press on and continue faithfully. In 2014, Mexican Medical continued to expand its boundaries. Dave and Lynne Johnson traveled by car, boat, burro, and on foot with a team from their Mexican church in San Vicente to one of the most remote people groups in Mexico. Another small team of staff and volunteers, joined Reel Life International on a trip to Havana, Cuba, to explore possibilities of expansion. (One missionary described that trip as an “Acts 2 experience,” where folks were immediately drawn to the Gospel and anxious to believe in Jesus Christ.) While not a new ministry, Allan Lee once again made visits to central California, taking the Gospel, translated into indigenous dialects, to the hands of migrant workers.

As reported in the testimonies of our missionaries, there were many new opportunities this year to deliver the healing and hope provided by Jesus. People were extremely generous this year with gifts to pay for surgeries, Bibles, reading glasses, hygiene supplies, and many other items that allowed us to perform even more health fairs. Over the past two years, we have increased the number of community health outreaches by 20% and prayerfully plan to continue increasing the number we perform. Please join us in praying for those in Mexico who are lost and in need of Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve Crews



Dr. Álvaro Ávila cares for a young patient just days after Hurricane Odile.

WE HAVE THIS HOPE AS
AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL,
FIRM AND SECURE.
– HEBREWS 6:19



Team members begin reconstruction on a home destroyed during the storm.

In September 2014, Cabo San Lucas was hit with one of the worst hurricanes in its history. Hurricane Odile left much of the area without electricity or access to resources. Despite being themselves affected by the storm, Mexican Medical missionaries, Dr. Álvaro and Soledad Ávila and their family set about providing medical care to others. Mexican Medical was able to send several relief teams to Cabo in the months following the storm. These teams provided much-needed supplies, assisted with health outreaches, and aided reconstruction projects in poor areas of the city.

Positive effects of these relief efforts can be seen in the story of Pastor Santiago and his family. Like many others, they lost their home and church during the storm; however, they were faced with a unique challenge—the birth of a new baby! With special funds, Dr. Ávila was able to provide them with temporary housing at a hotel. A relief team reframed the church building with strong, metal beams, and rebuilt the church’s small kitchen. As a result, Pastor Santiago’s family and congregation have been able to continue serving their community, particularly through their weekly feeding program, which provides needy children with a nutritious meal and Gospel lesson.

Throughout 2015, Mexican Medical plans to continue to serve and share the love of Jesus in practical ways in response to this storm.

Bringing healing & hope

MEDICAL & DENTAL OUTREACHES



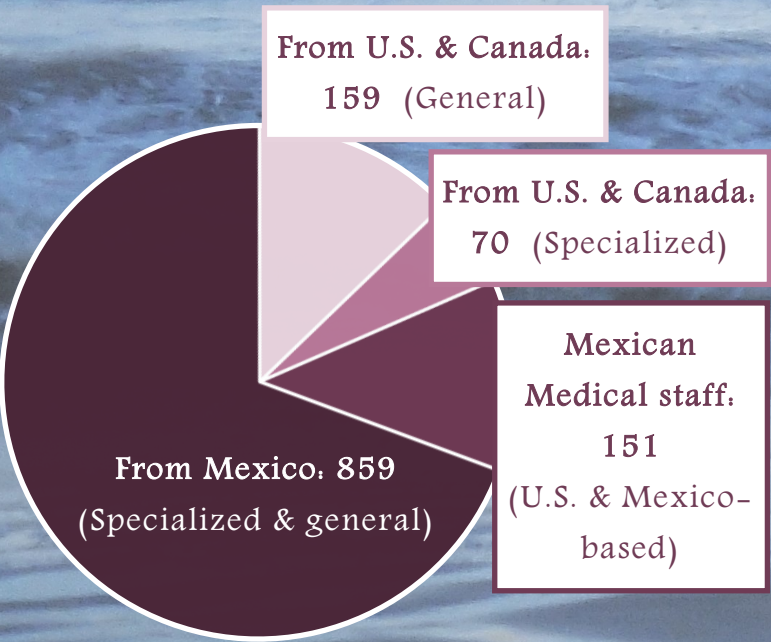
1,239 medical-team volunteers gave of their time and talents to serve in Mexico.



599 people prayed to receive Christ at medical outreaches.

2,272 children heard about the love of Jesus at medical team health fairs.

Medical Volunteers



Medical Team Services

2,236	Eyeglasses given
1,811	Medical consults
1,790	Dental services
276	Haircuts
183	Other services
137	Foot care
57	Surgeries
6,490	Total services

to the people of Mexico

CARAVAN TEAMS

We welcomed 30 caravan teams from 12 U.S. states and one Canadian province this year. Young and old participated in a variety of ministries, including vacation Bible schools, health fairs, and construction projects. Team members also had opportunities to grow in their own relationship with Jesus Christ.

A caravan team leader reflects on a summer trip.

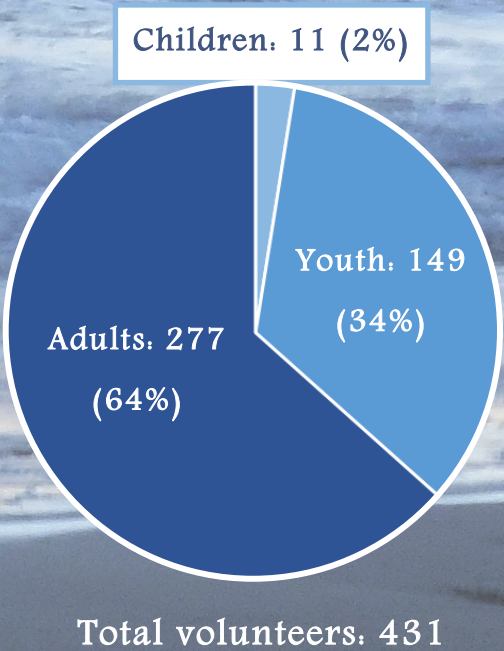
We have officially ceased to call this a “mission trip.” Mission implies coming to do something for a people group in need. We have found that the friends we have at Gabriel House are in need, but they are in need in similar ways that we are in need. They need finances to operate, they need food and clothing, but those needs are not much different than ours. They don’t need special attention because of their disabilities, they simply deserve the respect, love, and compassion of another human being. In this way we have learned that as much as we thought they needed us, we found out how much we needed them.

— Youth pastor Danny Fierro, Reno, Nevada



Caravan team member teaches children about dental hygiene.

Caravan Volunteers



LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

For many years, missionaries Dave and Lynne Johnson (San Vicente) have mentored a group of youth from a local church. This past year, the team of about 20 youth took part in a very special experience—a mission trip to the state of Nayarit. The 10-day, 1500-mile (one-way) trip included sharing the Gospel with children in a variety of settings: on the island of Mexcaltitán, in a remote, indigenous Huichol village (a three-hour hike from the nearest road), and at a mountain church. Months of preparation leading up to the trip was put to good use, as the youth presented the Gospel through Bible lessons, memory verses, mime, games, and songs at ten different outreaches. A 13-year-old boy on the team even got to preach to the congregation at a church they visited. “Our goal was to use this missions trip as discipleship training, and the feedback we got was great, both from the [youth] and also from the people whom they were serving,” the Johnsons shared after the trip. “We expect there will be another missions trip with these youth in the future.”



A youth from San Vicente prays with children after they heard a Gospel presentation.

PASTORAL TRAINING

Missionaries Pam and Gary Sheveland (Cabo San Lucas) have coordinated classes for local pastors and church leaders for several years. In 2014, they offered classes in nine different subjects, ranging from hermeneutics to worship. They also extended the reach of this ministry by offering two classes on Nehemiah in the state of Jalisco. Missionary Vince Trujillo (Tecate), taught a number of the classes in Cabo this year and shares how they impacted a particular student’s life:

One of my students, Omar, who has taken several of the classes, had the opportunity to preach at his church. Before, he would always tell his pastor that he did not feel ready yet. However, having received more training, this time he agreed to preach, even though he was still very nervous. As he prepared, he remembered some of the things that he had learned in my class, and it helped him get started. At the ending of his message, he gave an invitation, and one 16-year-old young man came forward. He had been rebelling against his father, but that morning he decided to give his life to Jesus. The young man was Omar’s son! ¡Gloria a Dios!

HOSPITAL EL BUEN PASTOR UPGRADES

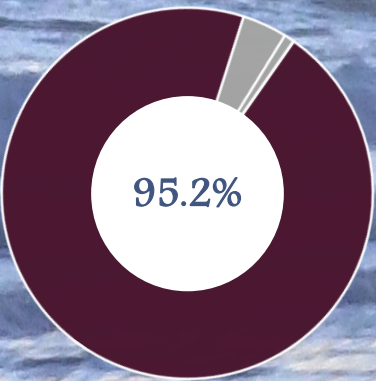
Hospital El Buen Pastor in San Quintín, Mexican Medical’s first medical facility, continues to faithfully serve area residents. This year, construction on a much-anticipated second operating room was completed. Special ventilation, flooring, and other features will allow doctors to perform more intricate surgeries. Caravan team members also worked hard on facility improvements, both re-roofing the hospital and painting the outside trim.

Services Provided at Hospital El Buen Pastor	
Total Consultations: 4,627	
0-12 years:	555
13-17 years:	342
18-65 years:	3,211
66+ years:	519
Total Surgeries: 437	
Male: 89	Female: 348
Total Births: 240	
Male: 64	Female: 176

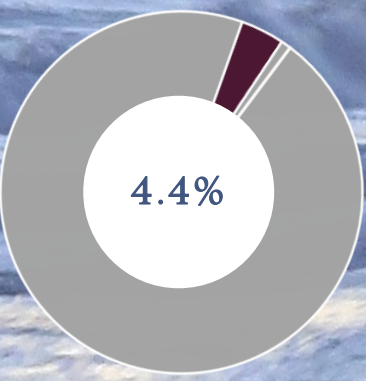


Dedication of the new operating room
at Hospital El Buen Pastor
From left: Dr. César Tamez, Dr. Ray Williams,
Dr. Alejandro González, Pastor Steve Crews, a
local government official, and Pastor Ray Hahn

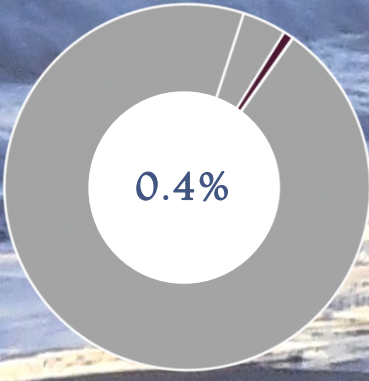
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The ministry of Mexican Medical would not be possible without those who faithfully serve, give, and pray. Would you consider partnering with us in one of these ways?

SERVE:

If you would like to take a team to Mexico or join a scheduled trip, we have opportunities available for both medical and non-medical volunteers. For applications, costs, and other info, go to mexicanmedical.com (from the “Get Involved” menu on the left, please choose “Join a Team” or “Bring a Team”) or call (619) 463-4777.

GIVE:

Mexican Medical is supported through the generous, faithful gifts of individuals, organizations, and churches that feel led to contribute to the work the Lord is doing through our ministry. We are so grateful to God for His provision through the generosity and obedience of these ministry partners. We are able to receive donations (tax-deductible) by mail, via PayPal on our website, and through automatic monthly checking account debits (please contact our office for a sign-up form).

PRAY:

Our ministry depends on God, who answers prayer. Please pray for Him to open the hearts of those we serve, provide resources so that we may continue and expand our ministries, and raise up more people on both sides of the border who are willing to help offer His healing and hope to the people of Mexico.

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A Mexican church member prays for a patient at a 2014 health outreach.

