



Health Fairs in and around Loreto, B.C.S.

REPORT FOR

WEEKENDER TEAM – January 16-19, 2015



This is now the third year (in January) that we have enjoyed having with us twelve students from Messiah College in Pennsylvania. They're here in Loreto taking a three-week course on International Development, led by their professor Dr. Connie Ostwald. They all lived at our home/ministry center - sleeping on our patio (in sleeping bags on cots); and cooking many of their own meals - using our outdoor kitchen. 'Chayito' came to our home a couple of days, teaching them how to cook Mexican food, and a few times we went to some of the local restaurants.

After devotions each morning, Connie conducted her classes (on our patio) and our role was to confirm her teaching using examples from the local people, and sharing how we minister effectively here in Baja Sur, Mexico. Each afternoon and evening, they had various activities to be involved in, in and around Loreto - to help them obtain a greater appreciation for another area of the world, a different people/language/culture, etc. - and to interact in some way with each. They've enjoyed talking with the locals on the streets, in their shops, and interacting/participating with people in three different local evangelical churches.

Also 'Rafa' took them hiking in the mountains; and because he has his own dive shop - he and his workers took them out in their boats to snorkel, to visit one of the uninhabited islands close by and to go fishing.

Don drove them all many times (in the 15 passenger van we were given a few years ago), to various places in Loreto during their time here, and one day we drove them all to San Javier - an historic town in the nearby mountains. And through this and all of the other things they did, they gained a great understanding of what is involved in living cross-culturally in another country.

To help them understand how to help people in

practical ways, in another part of the world, they were involved in our January Health Fairs, which this month were in Loreto.

So this class is not just to teach an introductory course on International Development, but also to give the students some first hand experience for what they're being taught in their course - making this a practical experience for them all and therefore their time with us has helped them build the foundation for the rest of their lives. What a joy it's been to have had this opportunity to have input into these student's lives, knowing they'll use these three weeks to formulate what they'll do the rest of their lives.

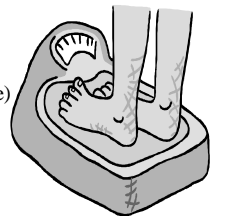
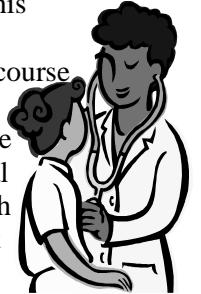
Our Health Fairs this month were in one of the new areas of Loreto, where there are not many homes yet, so we anticipated that there would not be many people in attendance. But we went anyways to this small church, to encourage them and to help them reach out particularly to there friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Please continue to pray...

- for us in the various ministries we are involved in here in and around Loreto - for our ministries among the various Pastors, for our Loreto Christian Fellowship and for our evangelistic Community Health Fairs; and of course for the many people we have personal relationship with here in and around Loreto...

- for us as we make contact with Pastors and make decisions about where to hold our Health Fairs, and then for all the advance preparations, training, etc., and that many people will be impressed with the love of Jesus as it is shown to them, and of course that many will accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Thank you again too for all your prayers and for your financial support, which help to make this all happen. We praise the Lord for your partnership!



STATISTICS FOR 2 HEALTH FAIRS

Saturday & Sunday, January 17-18, 2015

Location: Iglesia Cristiana Nu'ach in Loreto - Pastor Ricardo

Statistics:

Total in attendance	68	People treated:	
• Dentists...			24
• Doctors...			0 (we didn't have a doctor this time)
• Glasses...			22
• Prayed to receive Christ...			3+?
• Others counseled/prayed for...			many...



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This is the church we were at, which as you can see is in one of the newer areas of Loreto, where there are not many homes yet...



Pastor Ricardo waits patiently for the people to come. Inside the people will register with Irlanda at the first table, giving their names and addresses; then they'll be given a Gospel of John and an Invitation to return to this Church for their regular services held each Sunday...

Jacinto and Loreto are waiting at the next table, where they will obtain 'reservation tickets' to see the Dentist, obtain glasses, speak to some about Diabetes, nutrition, etc...

(Usually we also have a Doctor, but this month that was not possible...)

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Ben & David record height, weight and blood pressure, while Nathan & Kiley record blood sugar... (Molly & Isaac watching...)



Phil & Larry help people get glasses for reading (using the Gospel of John), and also give them if needed glasses for distance...



Suzi helps people understand their Diabetes and how to eat better. This is our mobile Dental office, with generator, compressor, etc.



Inside are Dentista Yxchel, her Assistant Gloria, and this weekend Brianna helping as well...

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As well as giving everyone who attends our Health Fairs a Gospel of John, we offer free New Testaments and Bibles...

There is also a rack of tracts; and most often someone is also standing by to answer questions, to offer counselling and prayer...

Our table also includes (for sale) Study Bibles, large print Bibles, Correspondence Courses, books that answer difficult questions, etc. These are all for sale at discount prices.

NOTE: We charge less than our cost, because we don't do this to make money rather just to get them into the hands of the people.



Everyone sat around talking about the Lord when not busy - so it was a great day for the students and those who came to the Fair...



Ida & Molly had lessons and games for the children, and also gave all the children bags with various hygiene items in them as well...

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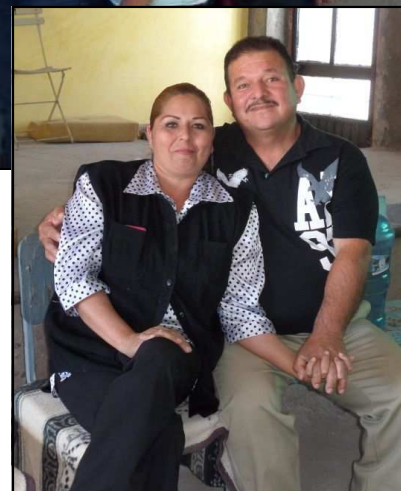


We'd like to thank those ladies back in the USA who knitted these hats for us — they were a real blessing to all the people that came to our Health Fair, as well as to all the local Christians who worked at the Fair. We had more hats than we needed, so we went down to the Loreto waterfront and gave 50+ hats to the local fishermen, and they were very happy as well!



Above are the students from Messiah College, as well as some of the helpers from the local church; and Larry & Rene who were vacationing in Loreto and also came to help out ...

Pastor Ricardo and Pastora Chayito are seen here with some of their family...



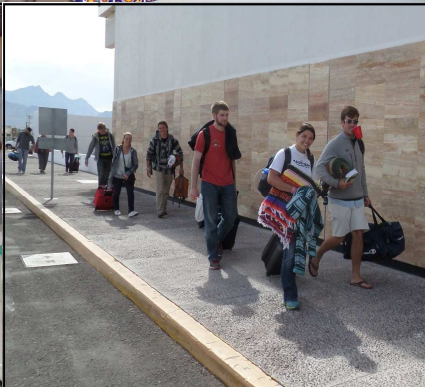
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One day after the Health Fair we took the students into the mountains to visit San Javier, to see the Mission Church there, and to climb the oldest olive tree in North America...



These are pictures of the students at our home in Loreto - showing their sleeping accommodations, the outdoor kitchen, a meal at the center table, some singing, and also some of the Loreto people they invited to a party they had for them...



Thank you so much again for your prayers and support for this wonderful ministry, because many people are being blessed physically and spiritually as a result. Thank you!