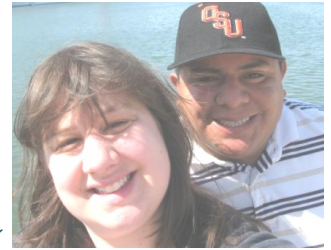


The Mountains Will Move . . . Matthew 17:20

The Ventura Lewis Family (Buky & Theresa)

Serving with Mexican Medical at La Esperanza



Faith Like a Child

Back in October, after a successful VBS in the park by our mission base, we felt God leading us to start a Saturday children's Bible club in our village of Nueva Odisea. We only had a handful of children coming to Sunday school, so it made sense to go outside of the church to gather the rest of the children to tell them about Jesus.

One of the children that God put in our path was Luis. He had a contagious joy and great enthusiasm for life. Luis always brought his little sister, María, to church and to the club. He was one of the first children to be picked up and the last one to be dropped off. He used to beg Buky to drive around in circles in the parking lot. Luis was a peer leader: always volunteering to help wash the other children's hands or to help prepare snack. Luis memorized all of the VBS songs and Bible verses. We were able to have deep conversations with him about Jesus and life after death. He was Saturday Bible club's biggest fan.

On April 6th, we received the devastating news that while visiting the ocean with his family, a wave swept him off a cliff and he drowned. We were with him just the day before at Bible club. He had just celebrated his 11th birthday a week before. We were in shock.

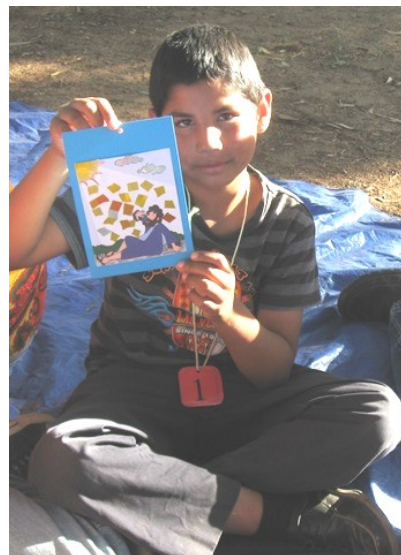
Luis's mother, Cecilia, was so grateful to God that Luis's body had been recovered from the ocean. Even though other

members of the family wanted to hold the funeral in another location, Cecilia insisted on having the funeral at our church, Luis's church. She knew this was where he would have wanted it to be. At home, Luis always talked about Buky, me, and the club, so on the day she lost her son, Cecilia asked to see Buky and me.

Practically the whole community showed up either at Luis's house or the church to offer their condolences during this hard time. Cecilia gave us permission to share the same message we share at Bible club with the children every Saturday: the gospel - the hope we have in Jesus. Somehow God gave us the strength that day to minister in honor and remembrance of our Luis. The children of our club came up during the funeral to sing Luis's favorite VBS songs. "Jesus Loves Me" never sounded so powerful or so sweet.

We know that our little Luis is in heaven. We believe that Jesus met him in the waves. We always believed Luis would be a good preacher, and he was: he preached to our whole

community about the precious gift of having faith like a child. We have been visiting Luis's family through this hard time and now his parents, brother, and two sisters attend our church. I know that would



Left: Luis displays his craft after VBS last October.

make Luis happy. We are so grateful that we responded to the call to start the Bible club. We can't imagine our lives without it. It has made more of a difference than we could ever imagine – not only in the lives of others, but in ours as well. Presently, we are holding weekly VBS in different communities in our area with visiting teams; however, we plan to start up the Saturday Bible club again in the middle of August.

Finish Your Assignment

Near the beginning of May, I received news that my uncle's health was declining from his battle with pancreatic cancer. At the same time, I knew that Ana María, the 12-year-old that would soon become a mother, was about to have her baby. I had been with Ana María for every appointment for the last nine months, but now I was torn between her and my family. I bought a ticket to fly home on May 14th. At that time, I figured that Ana María's family, Buky, and our family could help Ana María get to the hospital and support her during that time.

On May 12th, I took Ana María to her last doctor's appointment before delivery of the baby. In the waiting room I read a chapter called "Finish Your Assignment," from a book by a missionary in Mozambique. It was like God literally spoke those words to me. When we were called into the appointment, the doctor asked where we would like to schedule a C-section for delivery. I asked him if we could do it there, but they did not schedule C-sections. He recommended that we go to Ensenada, where there would be specialists to help Ana María through her high-risk pregnancy. There

was another hospital nearby, but they only had interns on their last year of service before becoming doctors. They just didn't have the experience.

I didn't know how Buky would get Ana María to the hospital in Ensenada, since I was leaving for the States the next day with our van and our ministry van needed repairs. So, Ana María and I drove to the hospital nearby with the interns. While sitting in the waiting room, I got a call from a friend who is a doctor. She advised us to go to Ensenada as well. "Finish your assignment" rang in my ears. Taking Ana María to Ensenada was better. I knew I would never forgive myself if something went wrong at the intern hospital.

Buky, Ana María, her sister, Consuelo, and I drove up to Ensenada that day to make an appointment, but after Ana María went in to see the doctor, he told her she would have to stay to have the baby because she was already 4 cm dilated. She was having the baby that night!



Above: Baby Yadira

Baby Yadira was born on May 12, 2014, at 9:55 p.m. She was 19 3/4 inches and weighed 7lbs. 2oz. I was called into the hospital at 2 a.m. to see Ana María and baby Yadira. After nine months of waiting, I was so blessed to see and hold Yadira.

God was so good because He not only made a way for me to finish my assignment by being there for Ana María, but He also took me home to Oregon in time to play piano with my uncle one last time and to say goodbye.

Health Fairs in March

We are grateful to Steve and Jan Crews and the team of nine from Southeastern University in Florida that came at the beginning of March and helped us put on four health fair outreaches in different communities for 266 children. The children were able to learn about healthy habits and hear about the love of Jesus



Above: LaRaey teaches about 8 glasses of water.

through the teaching of the Prodigal Son.

For the adults, we had free glucose/blood pressure checks, free eyeglasses, and some foot care. We also gave away Bibles and New Testaments.

Oscar

Oscar is a 9-year-old boy who is severely handicapped and suffers from seizures. His mother, Miriam, is a single mother of two that works in the fields. Fortunately, she has a wonderful support system from her family. She had gone to a doctor in Tijuana that overcharged and prescribed expensive medicine that was not making a difference, and she was desperate to get Oscar the medical help he needed because he had not been on any medication for five months. He was having at least three seizures a week and was not sleeping at night.

Fortunately, through the help of the Gabriel House, we were able to get connected with an affordable neurologist

in Ensenada. Oscar had his first appointment on July 1st. This doctor prescribed medicine that Miriam can afford. This medicine has made his seizures stop and Oscar is now able to sleep through the night.

On his trip to Ensenada, Oscar enjoyed his first hamburger and fries from Burger King. We were also able to buy him foam squares that he will be able to sit on while he plays and does physical therapy, and through donations from Mexican Medical, we will be able to provide Oscar with a wheelchair and walker.

Mexico City

On Easter week, Buky and I got away for a much-needed break. We went and stayed with some friends that live in Toluca, near Mexico City. Buky was overjoyed to be in the “land of his father.” He was able to see many things that Buky’s father, Rafael, had talked about when he was a child. Some of the highlights were going to Buky’s first zoo, seeing a professional troupe of Mexican folk dancers at the Palace of Fine Arts in Mexico City, seeing indigenous ruins, and enjoying the ambiance of colonial cities in the midst of “Holy Week.”



Above: Visiting the city of Cholula near Puebla

Summer Teams

This week, we are entering into our fourth straight week with groups. It’s hard to believe that we are already halfway through the summer ministry.



Above: VBS in San Simon Abajo

We have worked with teams from Idaho, New Hampshire, and Oregon. It has been exciting to meet and serve with new people, as well as old friends.

We have been involved in VBS, film ministry, and have been in Camp Vergel going door to door to hand out CDs and DVDs of the gospel to people in their native dialects. We have also gone to assist at the Buen Samaritano Retirement Home.



Above: The Paul craft from VBS

We are grateful to have Cris McCoy still with us and have been joined by summer interns Dani Zarling, Gabe Smith, and Shelbe Jordan.

Please keep us in your prayers! The summer is

Right: One of our youngest team members feeding a resident at Buen Samaritano



always an amazing time of ministry, but at the same time, our bodies and spirits can get worn out by the schedule. Please pray that God would continue to fill us up, so we can be poured out in service to others for His glory.



Above: Film ministry at Camp Vergel with our good friend, Santiago, a.k.a. Papi

Please Pray For . . .

- **The movement of God in the hearts and lives of the people we minister to here in our valley.**
- **Life-changing experiences for the people who come down to serve with us for the week.**
- **Our staff - unity, perseverance, hearts of service, & times of rest.**

Upcoming Teams:

- **July 13 - 19th: Reel Life International, AL**
- **July 19 - 26th: Comm. Church of Seattle, WA**
- **July 26 - Aug. 2nd: Fair Oaks Pres., CA**

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