

November 2013

# The Mountains Will Move . . . Matthew 17:20

## The Ventura Lewis Family (Buky & Theresa)

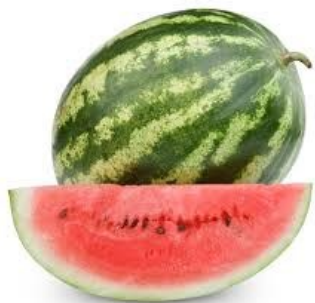
### Serving with Mexican Medical at La Esperanza



#### Watermelon Seeds

In Colossians 1:10, Paul encouraged the Colossians to “bear fruit in every good work.” In our last newsletter, I mentioned that we ate watermelon with the children at V.B.S. in a community called San Francisco. This fall we went back to the community to help the local church prepare a meal for the children’s feeding program. You can imagine our surprise when the pastor called us outside and showed us watermelon vines growing along the church walls where we had shared watermelon with the children several months before. There were even two watermelons beginning to grow. It was exciting to see physical fruit in a place where we had sown seed for spiritual fruit! It was a gift from God! It is our desire that the ministry at Clínica La Esperanza would continue to bear spiritual fruit for God’s kingdom.

We thank God for the fruit we get to see now on Earth and for the fruit that we have yet to see. We thank you for your prayers, financial support, and friendship that encourage us to persevere in the ministry. In this time of harvest, we wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!



#### A New Cafeteria

The week of October 6th, we were joined by the Libby family (Craig, Kristi, Josh, and Katie) and a group of four men from Dunntown Advent Christian Church in Maine. Originally, the group was going to tile the Bible school library, but then we heard that the local grade school needed help

converting a building into a cafeteria, so the men installed drywall at the school. The following week we went back to talk to the principal to see if she was pleased with the completed project. It turned out that she was overjoyed, because the government came to inspect the building, and since they had seen work done on the building (the drywall the guys had put up), the government decided to take on the project and had sent a crew to finish the cafeteria. The principal said that the money would have gone to another school if our team had not started working on the building. We are amazed at how God had the team at the right place at the right time!



**Above: The building that is being transformed into a cafeteria. Below: Team from Dunntown Advent Christian Church putting up drywall.**



### Taking Jesus Outside Church Walls

Another exciting piece of that week was that we held V.B.S. in our local park. Around thirty children came each day and the majority of them do not attend church. We decided it just did not make sense to wait for the children to come to Sunday school, when we could take the message of Jesus to them. At the end of the week, we asked the children if they wanted to continue coming to the park for Bible club and they said, “¡Sí!” We have been meeting every Saturday morning for the last month. We drive

around the village to pick up the kids. We play, wash their hands and give them a snack. We



**Above:** The boys learned about the armor of God and show off their soldiers. **Left:** Pastor George decorates crafts with María. **Below:** Building relationships at Bible club with Yara and Danira.



sing songs, listen to the story, learn a verse, and work on a craft. One mother who does not attend the church commented that her son had shared a Bible verse with her that he had memorized. Another boy told his father that God was with him, which helped the father get through a difficult time. We pray that God will do great things in these children’s lives as they continue to hear the word of God.

### Medical Brigada in Ojos Negros

On October 10th, we followed the Libbys and the team from Dunntown Advent up to Ojos Negros, which is east of Ensenada, for a medical brigada held on October 11th. We were joined by three churches from Tijuana and pastors of the local churches. The people who attended the brigada received a free health consult. By the end of the day, 195 adults had prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior. Buky and I headed up the children’s program during the day and had around 200 children participate in the health fair in the morning and/or V.B.S. in the afternoon.



**Left:** Nick helps wash little hands at the health fair in Ojos Negros. **Below:** Buky shares the Bible story during VBS at Ojos Negros.



## The Harvest Festival

This year Buky and I helped organize the church harvest festival. It is the second year that we have had the harvest theme and have decorated the fellowship hall with hay bales, corn stalks, and pumpkins. The night started off with a hayride around the community. Once back at the fellowship hall, there was a Biblical costume contest, songs, and a drama. We went through 300 hot dogs that night! Near the end of the party, the kids enjoyed bobbing for apples and



Above: Decorations at the harvest festival. Below: Contestants in the Biblical costume contest.



## Worship

Ever since Buky learned I could sing, we have worshiped the Lord together. It has always been a special gift that we have been able to share together, and it is even more special when we can share it with others. Besides our regular church services, we had several opportunities to lead

worship this fall. When we were at Ojos Negros, the musicians had to leave, so we were called upon to lead the worship on the last night at the evangelistic campaign in the park after the medical brigada. After being on my feet all day, I knew it was God that was moving my feet to the music! We also led worship at a women's conference in Papalote and at a youth conference at our church. It is amazing to witness people's lives be blessed through God's presence as they worship.

eating their candy and fresh-made popcorn. Both children and adults attended the festival. One woman brought her grandchildren to the party, because there were no kids out trick-or-treating. The grandchildren said it was the best party ever! We feel blessed to be able to provide a positive event for the community and be able share about God's love at the same time.

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## Please Pray For . . .

- **The community children that come to the Saturday Bible Club. We pray that they would continue to come and be a light in their homes.**
- **Consuelo's family, that the five children would understand the importance of their education and strive to do their best, and for health for Consuelo as she works in the fields, that despite her handicap, that she could grow in the knowledge of God.**
- **Buky and Me, that we would have intimate times with the Lord where we could be refreshed and that that we would set times aside for us.**

## Upcoming Ministry Events

- **We expect 30-40 people for Thanksgiving dinner from Buky's family and other friends from church.**
- **Health teachings for a week in San Vicente schools in December**
- **December 29th - Evangelistic Christmas program and dinner for community**

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