

News from Don & Lorraine in Loreto – December 7, 2015



Let me bring you up to date of what has happened over this past month.

First, an update on break-ins – Since emailing you last there have been another couple of attempts to break into our house. One was during the Saturday of our last Health Fairs. Someone is likely watching our home, and knew we would be gone for the whole day... Last week, they stole our garbage can which was on the street just outside one of the gates into our property – which is where everyone here keeps their can, (because no one really knows when the garbage pickup will be...)

Attendance at our new English Church is picking up as people come to Loreto for the winter months..., and those coming are so appreciative. Please pray for Don as he prepares messages from the Gospel of John over the next few months...

Our Health Fairs this past month were in Loreto, and while everything went well, we were disappointed that we did not have a doctor this month. We were thankful that Michael Hartman was willing and available to pull the dental trailer with his truck... We had other volunteers also come forward to help as well and we are truly grateful for that too! Please take a few minutes to read our Report – which is now up on the web, and the *'link'* to it is below... This Report and others, as well as the dates for our upcoming Teams, etc. can all be viewed by going to:

www.mexicanmedical.com OR www.ps-ministries.com

Following the Health Fairs, we have had 3-4 men working at our home. We had the bars on our window beefed up, so they will be harder to take off the house. Also we are having some cement work being done, some painting, pruning of our trees, and a few other things... We try at this time of the year especially to hire a few young Christian men that we know well, who do not have work to earn a little money for not only their daily needs, but also to be able to have something extra for their families at Christmas. They do not work full days, and not every day – but it is a benefit to them, and of course a help to us. (The local wage per hour for such employment has gone up to about 30-50 pesos, but I have told them because Christmas is coming soon I would pay them 65 pesos per hour – which is just over \$4.00 US/hour. And they were delighted!)

Thanksgiving Day is not a holiday in Mexico, but there are many Americans here (Canadians also, but fewer), so the Americans and Canadians in Loreto celebrate Thanksgiving here the same day as Thanksgiving in the US – Thursday, November 26... In this regard some of the local restaurants did put on a Thanksgiving Dinner Special on their menus, and we also offered Thanksgiving Dinner in our home for those from the English Church – and we had a wonderful time!!!

And speaking of 'Thanksgiving' it is important that we tell you how thankful we are for your participation, enabling us to serve in the ministries we are involved in, in and around Loreto. Without your financial support, it would be difficult (maybe impossible) to do as much as we are involved in. And with your support and the additional support of others, we could even do more – and we would love to be able to do that...! Again, thank you too for supporting us with your prayers!

Christmas less than 3 weeks away – it seems like it has come earlier this year... In any case we trust you will have a wonderful time with family and friends, as well as a very impressionable time remembering again *'the Reason for the season'* – the birth of Jesus Christ; the coming of the Messiah - to announce and bring in the new Kingdom of God. And what a joy it is to be a part of it, and to be sharing it with others, and how they too can become a member – *a child of God* – by believing, trusting and obeying the Lord Jesus Christ. WOW! What a gift! Be sure to keep *'Christ'* in your Christmas. (It's not just *'happy holidays'*... It really should be *'más de Cristo'* = Spanish for "more of Christ"...)

Thirteen students come to live at our home again this January... Yes, we are not only looking forward to Christmas, but also to the thirteen (13) students from Messiah College in Pennsylvania who will be arriving to live and take classes at our home, starting January 7th. They will be with us for eighteen days this year; and there will once again be classes every day on our patio, and during the afternoons and evenings the students will be doing homework or connecting in some way with the people here in Loreto. The students are here on an international economic course related to learning how to understand, appreciate, and work within a different culture to that in which they have been raised. We are so glad to have this influence into their lives, as it will help them immensely as they look toward in their futures to having a full-time job or ministry in a cross cultural setting. (This is the goal of each of these 13 students.) The students will be helping us with our Health Fairs in January as well – for which we are very thankful...

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CURRENT SPECIAL NEEDS:

- (1) Security Alarm System for our house (on order) - \$655 - *(includes various important add-ons...)*
- (2) Laptop Computer (on order) - \$510 - *(a reliable one; primarily for use at our new English church...)*
- (3) English Bibles (on order) - \$275 (incl. shipping) - *(for relatively new Christians at our English Church...)*
- (4) Partial Support for Dental Assistant for Feb., Mar., and April - \$250 - *(total for hotel & meals for 3 months)*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the security of our home, dental trailer, etc....

For the English Church – for the messages to be given, as well as the inevitable counselling that follows...

For the Home Bible Studies – for those wanting a deeper knowledge and relationship with Christ...

For the 13 students from Messiah College, and our various involvements with them...

For the Health Fairs – for the new church we will be at, and for the many local volunteers, etc....

Also we still need a doctor for our January 16-17 Health Fairs - no one has committed themselves as yet...

ONGOING NEEDS:

For our own personal support needs. We have few monthly supporters, but several who give occasionally – and our needs have always been met. So we are very thankful! However if you are an occasional giver, or have never given before, please pray about our needs and the possibility that just maybe the Lord would have you support these wonderful ministries, occasionally or regularly. Thank you so much!

PLEASE EMAIL OR PHONE US:

If you might be able to come and join one of our Weekends of Health Fairs, or if you would like more personal information about our ministries, prayer requests, or financial needs, please do not hesitate to email us or to phone us... (We have a Vonage phone, so we answer the following numbers in our home in Loreto: (619) 204-9434 (San Diego); (604) 595-1433 (Vancouver); and also (250) 448-6228 (Kelowna).

Our November Report as mentioned, is on the web...

Please take time to... Read the **WHOLE STORY...**, see **MANY PICTURES...**, and read the **STATISTICS...** by going to:

WEEKENDER TEAMS: November, 2015

We praise the Lord for your partnership! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! And may God bless you with joy in 2016...

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