

# Libby Letter

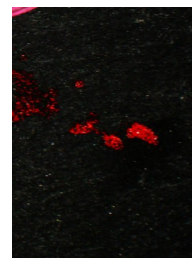
*Bringing Healing and Hope to the people of Mexico with Mexican Medical Ministries*

As we look back on 2011, we feel so blessed and humbled to see God's provision and work in us and through us. In the Mexican Medical office, we were able to provide our Mexican ministry partners with over 1000 American volunteers, all ministering to the health and spiritual needs of the people of Mexico. We are truly humbled to see how God continues to use our ministries to serve His created in Mexico, while growing the faith of each volunteer. Just last Saturday, at our Tijuana health outreach, 361 adults prayed one-on-one to receive Jesus. Late that night, after having showered, as we rested and reflected upon the presence of the Holy Spirit in such an unholy location on the border of Tijuana, we wept at how God blessed His body of believers, entrusted to us for that day. We were able to coordinate the abilities and talents of many of our Mex Med staff, missionaries, volunteers and friends. But the real blessing was to see how God used over 130 Mexican volunteers from nine churches all working collectively to bring their talents and offerings to serve the lost and needy of Tijuana. We love to see the fruit of our relationships build sustainable venues for Mexicans to serve each other in Jesus' name.

In writing a newsletter, it's tempting to just tell stories of large numbers of salvations and praise God that we have a lot of events where God truly moves in mighty ways. But it's also our responsibility to say He wants us to humbly serve Him every day by building sustainable relationships with Mexican partners with whom we may see no fruit or delayed fruit. We were reminded last year of the plans God has for each of His created when we went to Guaymas, Mexico. One day on the trip, the Lord told me (Craig) to drive down a particular street and ask one of the moms to invite the children living and playing on the street to a VBS the next evening. Upon arrival at the dusty, chicken-filled street the next day, I was amazed to have ten children jump into the van, ready to go to VBS. Another two children stood by their mom and mentioned they would be coming, but for such an event, would need time to get cleaned up. The van was alive with wild laughter as the children bounced up and down on the rear seats of the van while relishing in the novelty of riding in a van with air conditioning.

Forty other children came to the VBS that evening and two of the ten children that were picked up in the van, along with six others and one adult, walked forward in front of their peers to accept Jesus as their Savior. As the children were piling back into the van for their ride home, I noticed paint on the side of the dusty van. Upon further inspection, it was thumbprints of the two children who had accepted Jesus, left from the finger paint they had

used in their craft earlier that evening. As I thought of all the logistics and sacrifice that went into this international mission trip, my heart was joyful as God reminded me how privileged we were to be a part of His plan for those two children in Guaymas, Mexico, whose fingerprints He knew before time began. Their fingerprints have now been washed off the van, but not off my heart or prayers, and, more importantly, not off the Lambs Book of Life.



**Fingerprints on the van**

Josh has an insatiable appetite for God's Word. In addition to reading and memorizing verses for Sunday school, Awana, home-school lessons, and nightly reading of his children's Bible stories, he has determined to read through the "big Bible." Starting with Genesis 1:1 a few weeks ago, he perseveres to read one or two verses a night. Despite getting a little stuck on the names of the four headwaters flowing out of Eden, as of last night, he has managed to get to Genesis 3:12 and is determined to read all the way to Revelation.

In addition to our stateside office work, church responsibilities and in-country ministry, we endeavor to weave many (sometimes too many) activities into our lives and had many firsts this past year. Josh finished his first year of Awana Sparkies and was honored to receive the "Clubber-of-the-Year" award. He also loved playing on his first t-ball and soccer teams. Katie relishes being an Awana Cubbie and continues to sing and dance along with the Cubbie theme song every night to show her enthusiasm for being a Cubbie but also suspiciously attempting to delay bedtime. Katie also started to pedal her own bike this year! Although, she waited until after the bike trip to do it.

What a blessing to be on the Bike4Christ team! As many of you know and may have read on the blogs and newsletters, we were able to ride from Key West, FL, to Fort Kent, ME, on bicycles. Our primary objective was to raise money for our ministries, but God had much more than that in store for us. He used the trip to build perseverance of faith and dependence upon Him. After being in the "saddle" for 8 hours either in the Florida heat and humidity or the New England cold and rain, with every muscle in your body saying to get off the bike, but you have got a couple more hours to go for the day, you simply have to turn to God and depend on Him. On this trip, more than the other two, people along the way would stop us after seeing our bike jerseys and give us an opportunity to share about our ministries. To encourage us, God would insert divine appointments with people along the way. We are so grateful for all those who supported us financially as well as those who welcomed us into their homes and churches along the way. We are especially grateful for our families and the Ashland church who worked so hard to welcome us, feed us and make our final days so memorable.



## Bike4Christ



*We are grateful for the amazing opportunities for ministry that the Lord placed before us in 2011, from the bike trip to outreaches in Mexico, to meeting new families in our community through Little League, Awana, and Soccer. "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine."*

## Tijuana Brigadas



Kristi translating for Dr. Tamez



Dental care was given to 248 and 858 prayed to receive Christ as their Savior this year in Tijuana.



Katie makes a friend.



Tear down and clean up crew



## Ministry Activities



Mexican Medical staff & missionaries at Staff Retreat



Kids at Staff Retreat



Kristi greeting ladies at a tea where she shared her testimony in Tijuana.



Kristi recovering a child who had been sedated for dental care.



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Merry  
Christmas and  
a  
Happy New  
Year!  
The Libbys*

## The Kids



Drive in Movie Night at Awana



Squeezing lemons for the second annual lemonade stand



Katie started swimming lessons.



Craig & Josh ran four 5K races this year—including this MUD RUN.