

12 Reasons To Be Thankful

in 2012



Bringing Healing and Hope to the people of Mexico

With Thankful Hearts...

As we sat and thought about all that the Lord has done for us and around us this past year, we were blessed... so we want to share the blessing with you. In no particular order:

- 1) **Good Health.** When you're in good health, this seems like a simple thing, but as we've been around people with health problems this year and have lost some friends and family to death at young ages, it makes us all the more grateful for the health that has been given to our family.
- 2) **Our supporters, who have been faithfully supporting us for 18 years!** We want you to know how important your partnership is to us. Without your faithfulness in prayer and giving, we definitely wouldn't be able to continue serving in Mexico. God uses you to encourage us to press on. Your prayers are fighting wars in the heavenly realms and your financial gifts allow us to have a roof over our heads, cars to drive, and food to eat. We hope you realize how grateful we are for you and what a vital part of this ministry you are.
- 3) **Salvations.** As we write this, we know of 886 people who have prayed to receive Christ for the first time at medical outreaches this year. We still have 7 outreaches to go before the end of the year; so we anticipate over 1,000 people coming to know Christ as their personal Savior. What a blessing and encouragement to see God calling people to Himself through these medical events.
- 4) **Growth in Mexican Churches.** The churches we are working with in Mexico are growing, not only in numbers as people who come to Christ join the local churches, but also in the depth of their relationship with God. The churches, like us, are stepping out in faith, marching forward, spreading the gospel and being blessed as they see God at work.

For from Him, through Him, and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever.
Romans 11:36

- 5) **Unity and fellowship of Mexican churches working together across denominational barriers.** We are hearing great stories from the Mexican churches about how they are coming together to work, worship, and pray together across denominational barriers as a result of working together at various Medical Brigadas.
- 6) **Hope Church, Vernon Advent Christian Church, and North Park Community Church all sending teams to work with us!** Hope is one of Kristi's sending churches and has been supporting us since the beginning. The Vernon Church team was led by Kristi's brother Brad and our niece Mary was on the team, so it was special to serve with them. North Park is where we attend and serve when we are in San Diego. To serve side-by-side with the people on these teams was a special blessing for us! [Click here for team report.](#)
- 7) **A Consistent Group of Medical Volunteers.** We are blessed to have a core group of volunteers that come with us time and again to serve. We are grateful. While we can keep an eye on the big picture and troubleshoot as necessary, these folks look after their respective areas to keep them running smoothly. Their faithfulness means less time instructing on how to do everything, so the outreaches keep running smoother and smoother.
- 8) **Palenque Outreach Team; in Addition to the Two Surgical Teams.** For years we have been leading 2-3 surgical teams to Palenque annually. We enjoy working with Pastor Diego and his family at the hospital there, as well as working with the indigenous population in southern Mexico. It has been several years since we have taken an outreach team to Palenque, but this year we were blessed to take a great team that had a wonderful time of ministry as we offered medical care and children's ministry to 4 remote villages near Palenque. [Click here to read the outreach team report.](#)

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- 9) **Success of Ensenada and San Quintín Outreaches.** We were invited to take the Medical Brigadas farther south, outside our comfort zone of Tijuana. We knew the Lord had great things in store as there was some definite spiritual warfare leading up to the events. While the outreaches were successful on many fronts, we are especially grateful for the 400 people who prayed to receive Christ for the first time at these events. [Click here to read the team report.](#)
- 10) **Travel Safety.** We have traveled thousands of miles in and out of Mexico this year. We are grateful for no accidents. Even though we have had car problems, they have only resulted in delays in reaching our destination.

- 11) **Partnership we have built with Dr. Tamez and churches in Tijuana as well as with Pastor Diego and his family in Palenque.** It's all about partners. We are just a part of the puzzle. We are grateful for the Mexican believers and churches that the Lord has surrounded us with. They help to make our work a joy.
- 12) **Our Mexican Medical family of missionaries.** Again, it's all about partners. The Lord has given us some wonderful people to serve with in Mexico. We are grateful for each of them and the various talents that they have and use so that together we can tell people about Jesus.



4-year-old Katie has no fear and tries to live life to the fullest. She has experienced a lot of firsts this year, including school (homeschool pre-K which she enjoys), playing on a soccer team (she is starting to focus more on the ball than on waving to mom & dad on the sidelines), and bicycling 1.5 miles on her own steam. She continues to enjoy attending Awana Cubbies each week as well as swimming every chance she gets.

Thankful for the family
God has given us



7-year-old Joshua lost two teeth this year, was on a great Little League team (God blessed us with a Christian coach), was chosen for the All-Star Little League team, continues to enjoy Awana Sparkies and was chosen as clubber of the year for the second year in a row. He is an active boy as he enjoys playing on a rec soccer team, likes to run with his dad (they will be doing another 5k on Thanksgiving day), has picked up roller blading, and continues to swim and bike. Maybe next year he will be in a triathlon! He is an excellent reader and can be found sitting still for long periods of time while he reads.

We would love hear about the blessings in your life too!

*We wish you
a blessed Thanksgiving,
a Merry Christmas,
and a Happy New Year.*

In His Grip,

Craig, Kristi, Josh, & Katie

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