

A LETTER OF PRAISE & PETITION FROM CRAIG AND KRISTI LIBBY

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NEWS, NEEDS, NOTABLES



Kristi & Katie checking a blood sugar at Mexican Medical Open House

Upcoming Travel Schedule:

Gabriel House Dental Team	2/9
Palenque Surgical Team	2/20-27
Tijuana Brigada	3/12-13
Medical Mission Conference	3/27-29
Audiology Team	5/9-15
Palenque Surgical Team	6/27 - 7/5
Tijuana Brigada	8/7



Josh & friend Kayla at La Esperanza

Nine reasons to be thankful in 2009!

We are thankful for:

- 1** The team of Mexicans, Americans, and Canadians that we serve with in Mexico. We are blessed with a great team of co-workers and friends.
- 2** The health and safety that God has given us as we have traveled thousands of miles this past year. We do not want to take for granted God's care for our bodies.
- 3** You, our supporters, through prayer and finances. We praise God for you. Thank you for your partnership with us. We are grateful for your generosity, which enables us to continue serving the people of Mexico.
- 4** God's great plan of salvation that we have the joy of sharing. We are thankful for
- 5** The Tijuana Pastors Alliance that is working together with us at the Tijuana Brigadas. This group chooses each location based on their knowledge of the spiritual needs around Tijuana. They are a vital partner with us in Tijuana.
- 6** How Mexicans are reaching out to their own people. We have always worked beside and with the local churches, but now instead of us inviting them to go serve with us, they are inviting us to serve with them. We are so encouraged and happy to be working side-by-side with our Mexican brothers and sisters in Christ.
- 7** The volunteers who come to serve with us. In 2009, Craig coordinated 352 volunteers through the non-medical teams, while Kristi coordinated 536 through the medical teams. It is a joy to work with volunteers who want to serve in Mexico.
- 8** We know of more than 630 people who prayed to receive Christ through outreaches that we sponsored in Mexico. We are thankful for their lives and their decisions to follow Christ.
- 9** The outpouring of love at the tragic loss of Kori, Kristi's sister-in-law. Although the tragedy and loss is great and can not be underestimated, the tangible love of God's people surrounding the family is also very great.

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Lady from El Refugio

If you would like to support us financially, please send gifts to:

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Include a note saying it is to go to the Libby Ministry.

Thank you!



Ivan from La Esperanza Bible School teaching the plan of salvation at a health fair.

BRINGING
HEALING AND
HOPE

Ten things to look forward to in 2010!

1 The Tijuana Brigadas. We enjoy partnering with more than 150 Mexican and American volunteers to reach hundreds of people in Tijuana. Three times this year we will be setting up "tent city" in a park so that people can come for free medical & dental consultations. Everyone who comes hears the gospel in their heart language. We look forward to these medical brigades.

2 God's provision. We never forget that we are able to continue working here because of God's great provision for us. We are thankful for this and look forward to seeing how He will provide in 2010.

3 Assisting 60 teams to come to Mexico to serve. A large part of our work involves working with teams who go to Mexico to serve. We look forward to educating new team members and continuing relationships with former team members as we assist them in their preparation for their time of service in Mexico.

4 Another year of growth. We are looking forward to the growth we will be experiencing in our family...no, not another

family member, unless it is a dog, but growth in each of our lives. For Craig and Kristi, we look for spiritual growth and a deepening of our walk with Christ. We also look forward to developmental, emotional, spiritual and physical growth for Josh and Katie as we cherish this toddler/preschool year.

5 Leading teams to the jungle of Palenque. This is Mexican Medical's one location that is not located on Baja California. It is a full day's travel by



Ladies in Palenque, Chiapas

commercial airliner to arrive at our hospital in southern Mexico. With anticipation we look forward to Craig leading a surgical team there three times this year. The July team will be extra special as the hospital will be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

6 Promoting and recruiting at conferences. Part of our job includes attending a few conferences in order to spread the word about what

we are doing and to recruit more volunteers who would like to come and serve with us in Mexico.

7 Office support for the missionaries who live in Mexico. We count it a privilege to be able to come alongside those who are living full time in Mexico, working with the nationals and the teams in order to present Christ. We work to encourage and assist the missionaries.

8 Serving with our local church as Craig continues on as Treasurer for another year and Kristi looks forward to helping organize this year's Women's Retreat.

9 Visiting friends and family in New England. We don't have dates set yet, but we are looking forward to time when we can share in person about our work with friends, family, and supporters.

10 Keeping in touch with you and hearing about how God is working in your life. We enjoyed reading the Christmas letters this year. We look forward to all God has in store for 2010!



Medical Teams

Palenque Surgical Teams



Craig leads surgical team to Palenque in spring and fall.



The spring team did 24 surgeries in 4 days.



Friends and team cooks Dustin & Carol Wilson are a great asset to the team.



Traditional housing in a nearby village.

Dental Teams



Josh helping Jan wheel Esme to the mobile dental unit.



Kristi recovering children who needed general anesthesia to have dental work done at the Gabriel House



Kristi assisting Dr. Dave Manary at La Esperanza.

Tijuana Medical Brigadas



Praying for the event before it starts.



The tents set up ready to serve the people.



Josh helping to tear down the tents.



Rob offering lab tests at the Brigada.

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

To God be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:36



**Then I heard the voice
of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send?
And who will go
for us?” And I said,
“Here am I. Send me!”**

Isaiah 6:8

Caravan Teams



Craig's jeans that were donated to a sewing class in San Vicente.



Team from Dunntown Advent Christian Church



Josh at one of the construction projects with a team.

El Refugio - The Refuge



Craig has a special burden for the elderly that live at the Refuge, a home for those who have no other place to go. El Refugio was started by a Mexican pastor as he took elderly off the dump to live with his family. It has grown to a residence for over 100 people. When we are able, we take teams to simply love the residents and provide a meal of grilled chicken. Photos from top - Craig grilling chicken, Josh carrying packages of tortillas into the kitchen for lunch, Kristi & Katie visiting residents, our friend Jody and a resident, resident with a new blanket donated by North Park church.



Team from Canada that poured concrete for a rehab center.



Mixing cement by hand at the rehab center.



Tim teaching Bible school students vocational trade of wiring a house for electricity.



Pastor George, Andrew and Jordan McLaughlin working at La Esperanza.



Repairing rehab center after Hurricane Jimena



Josh & Katie playing in dirt with team member at La Esperanza.