

Megan's Journey Spring 2014

*"See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God.
And that is what we are!" — 1 John 3:1*



Dear Friends,

I love the signs of spring—leaves budding out, flowers blooming, and sunny days—all revealing new life. It is a wonderful time to remember the gift of new life that we have been given through Jesus' death and resurrection. On March 29, over 200 children heard about this great gift at the Mexican Medical health brigada in Tecate, Mexico!

During the morning, nearly 100 children came through children's health fair stations, learning a variety of spiritual and health lessons while their parents received much-needed medical care. (An additional 100+ children came for a special program hosted by a local church in the afternoon.) It was my privilege to coordinate the children's health fair area, and as you can see, it was a very busy morning!

While coordinating the past several children's health fairs, I've learned that there are some things you can plan and prepare for, and others that you need to pray about and trust God to provide. At this health fair, it was particularly evident how God provided gifted, local church members to teach the different stations.

At one station children learned to "di no" or "say no" to unhealthy activities and behaviors. Instead of simply reading the printed lesson and quickly moving on to the game, the teacher thoroughly explained the lesson and prayed with the children. I was also impressed with the creativity and enthusiasm of the woman who taught at the Bible lesson station. She was given visuals and a lesson about the Prodigal Son, but rather than show the pictures, she gathered up props and acted out the story. Her passion for sharing God's Word captivated not only the children, but also adults who were nearby eating lunch (and some non-Spanish-speaking team members, too!)

Besides the helpers from local churches, a host of willing U.S. volunteers served the children that day—checking for lice, doing crafts, teaching about nutrition, recording heights and weights, and countless other things! I am so thankful for the many ways in which God provided for this brigada.



Below are pictures from other areas of the brigada. Volunteers from 17 Mexican churches (about 200 people) and 85 U.S. volunteers came to serve. A total of 798 services were provided: 41 foot care procedures, 106 haircuts, 196 medical consults, 183 dental services, 264 pairs of eyeglasses given out, and 8 legal consultations. After receiving a service, each person met with a local church member who gave them an opportunity to receive Jesus as their Savior—and 126 adults did so for the first time!



Prayers and Praises

1. Summer is fast approaching and that means lots of teams traveling to and from Mexico. Prayers for safety and for God to be at work in and through these teams would be great.
2. Prayers for good health and energy for those of us serving at the Mexican Medical office. Also, for wisdom and discernment in everything we do.
3. At the end of March, I moved into a different house in San Diego. I am living with a girl who has been my roommate since August and another girl who we attend Bible study & church with. I would appreciate your prayers for God to be glorified through our home, and our time and relationships with one another.

Looking Ahead: July 6-12

My parents are bringing a team of youth and adults from Oregon to serve at La Esperanza. I am excited to get to join them for the week, especially since it has been four years since we have been to Mexico as a family. The week will be full of work projects, children's ministry in a migrant-worker camp, and many other opportunities.

Thank you for remembering this trip in prayer. We will be joining another church group from San Diego, which will require extra communication and patience, but it should be a neat opportunity.

Come Serve!

If you are interested in serving "hands on" with Mexican Medical, we'd love to have you! We have a place for everyone who is willing to serve- whether or not you speak Spanish or have medical skills!

Contact me: (619) 463-4777 or mstone@mexicanmedical.com

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Sincerely,
Megan

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