

## ***Megan's Journey: Summer 2013***

***"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything,  
but only God, who makes things grow."  
- I Corinthians 3:7***

God has been growing seeds through Mexican Medical!

For a week this summer, I assisted the missionaries at La Esperanza as they hosted a church group of 75 people. This time was very special for me on many counts. First of all, this is where I "grew up" serving and spent three summers as a missionary intern. It had been three years since I had visited this site, and I was more than ready to go! It was also special to spend the week with the church group from Fair Oaks, CA. They were one of my favorite groups to serve with as a summer intern, and it was a pleasure to do so again.

I was struck, during the week, how God has continued to use and grow the site, and the people who come into contact with it. Many years ago, the missionaries serving at La Esperanza invited a family to participate in a children's program near their house. A few of the family's eight children would come each week, but without their parents' support. Eventually, one of the kids prayed to receive Christ, and later, an older sibling attended the Bible school at La Esperanza; however, there was never much involvement by the rest of the family. At a church service this summer, I saw the girl, Leticia, who had attended the Bible school, around her the pew was filled with... her family! Five of her siblings are now attending the Bible school, and her mom has also come to know Christ. "Thanks be to God that we are all here!" Leticia told me with joy. Though her father has yet to come to church, the missionaries believe that his heart is softening. What a blessing to see how God has faithfully grown the seeds planted many years ago.



**Leticia (second from left) and several members of her family**



**Group members hard at work**



**On the last day of VBS, nearly 500 children were in attendance.**



**A young woman, Aurora, and I at the migrant camp where we did VBS and film ministry**

In July, I was invited to help with a week of training at Mexican Medical's site in San Vicente. Dave and Lynne Johnson, the missionaries there, work with youth (called "Angels") from the local church to do outreaches in neighboring communities. In order to make these outreaches more effective, the Johnsons invited a Child Evangelism Fellowship director from Oregon to come and train the youth. My dad was also available to come down for the week, so that was fun.



**Many of the "Angels" after an afternoon of ministry**

During the week, I filled the role of interpreter. I was so thankful for God's faithfulness in helping me carry out that role. I had never interpreted for someone in that setting before and my Spanish skills were pretty rusty, so I wasn't sure how the week would go. After struggling through the first few days by reading directly from the Spanish curriculum and allowing the students to correct me, it felt like God gave me understanding. Everyday it

became easier to share what I needed to say.

The greatest joy for me during the week came in seeing the students learn and put their lessons into practice. During the morning training sessions, they learned to teach Bible lessons, memory verses, and songs to children, as well as how to share Jesus using symbols, colors, and face painting. In the afternoon, the students led a children's program in a migrant camp. One girl in particular, Perla, who was 14 and had never received this type of training before, just flourished! She even prepared and taught the Bible lesson on the last day of the children's program, rather than one of the more experienced youth. What a privilege to be a part of watering seeds in these youth that they can continue to share with others!



**A student hanging out with a child at the migrant camp called Santo Tomás & my dad playing with a child during the ministry time.**

### ***Looking Ahead- November 10-15:***

I have an opportunity to return to San Vicente for a week. I will be helping to provide classes in health education and morals in local elementary schools. The missionaries have provided these classes over the past several years and have built good relationships with these schools. Some of the youth that I met in San Vicente this summer, along with the missionaries and local church members from La Esperanza, will also be helping! I pray that this time will have a positive influence on the students and teachers. I would appreciate your prayers during the week for safe travel and for all the lessons to go smoothly.

***Thank you for your prayers, friendship, and faithful support!***