

SHEVELAND NEWSLETTER May 2015
Serving in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
with Mexican Medical Ministries since 2002

It has been 6 months since our last newsletter. Since then we have seen Cabo coming slowly back to normal. There is still lots of rebuilding to be done but it is getting there. We had several opportunities to help in that rebuilding by putting up houses for those in need.

Since then, we have been busy getting this next year of classes up and running. We have been having classes every year in Cabo and started classes in San Jose. This year the Leadership Training School is going to be in 4 different locations.

Cabo San Lucas is still the base and we are getting more pastors and their leaders involved. About the time I feel we have reached a saturation point, God shows us more hungry people.

San Jose del Cabo is 25 miles away but it feels like all one city as there is a lot of new development connecting them together. Yet, there is a separate culture of churches desiring leadership training. One church is sponsoring the class and opening it up to others. Unlike Cabo San Lucas, this community is more closed to unity between the churches. We hope that God can use these classes to break the barriers.

Guadalajara is an hour flight to the east on the mainland. Through contact with a missionary friend, Dan Nelson, we have started teaching in a large church. They have opened up their doors to other churches to participate.

Autlan is a city about 3 hours southwest of Guadalajara. God has used a missionary woman, Sondra Pepper, to open the doors for us to bring classes to a hungry group of 7-10 pastors and their leadership who have united for these classes. We are very excited to bring teaching to this difficult area. We estimate less than 1% Christian in this area.

What are the results so far?

All of these areas have an average of 30 students totaling 120+ whom we are training. This is great, but also overwhelming at times and I feel very inadequate. God has shown me that each group has its own DNA and that we need to customize these classes for each group. This is not just the classes, but also the schedule. We are finding ourselves traveling or teaching every month in one of these locations.

God has brought more teachers in to this ministry. I am amazed and blessed to have such high quality people that are willing to invest in these students. They

are the ones who make this ministry successful. Frankly, they make me look good.

We continue to disciple one on one weekly which is a highlight of the week. We are also involved in rebuilding churches in La Purisima and Cabo. Each day brings several different challenges from electrical, welding, plumbing, mechanical, hauling materials etc.

This summer we will be continuing the classes, discipleship, and construction and we will be receiving more teams again. We have 2 teams in June and one in July. These teams are a great blessing to the churches as they come with resources that are desperately needed after the hurricane last year as many churches that we work had damage to their churches, or their churches were completely destroyed. Little by little they are rebuilding.

We are now attending a Spanish speaking church which has been growing these last few months. Our church building was destroyed in the hurricane. Building has just started. One of the ministries we have started with the church people is taking the kid's soccer team and any adult that wants to come, up to Todos Santos to help Pastor Joel and his wife Alicia at the Children's Home that they started and run. It has been a great opportunity to encourage the kids and the workers at the home, but also, a great opportunity to see some of the people reach out to others.

Our traveling will be less this year because of the class schedules but we know that this is where God wants us to be this year. Our kids are doing well, but please keep them in prayer: Jason as he is going through some trials, that he can keep his eye on Jesus; Marcie and family as they seek God's direction with work etc. in Alaska; Angie and family as they continue to serve in England and seek God's direction in the next year.

We are thankful for family and friends who keep us in prayer, show us their love in so many different ways and we know that we are here because of you.

This part of the letter is the hardest to write. We know that God is our provider and so we do not like to constantly ask for financial help. We are not asking for it now. We do ask that you pray for us. For our health, protection when we travel, protection when we work, protection from the evil one. We also hope that you ask God to show you what you can do to help us. God knows our needs.

Thank you again for all of your support.

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