

When most of us hear Cabo San Lucas, we immediately think of a beautiful tourist destination with incredible weather, great beaches and amazing snorkeling. Others think "party town". But those of you who have served there with us know that Cabo can be a dark place, in need of a Savior. Due to the large amount of tourist trade, thousands of Mexicans flocked to Cabo to seek work. They left behind their homes and family on the mainland and found loneliness and many new temptations so far away.

When we brought our first team to Cabo San Lucas in 1997, we could see that there was such a need for medical care and church growth in the communities surrounding the area. The colonias were exploding with people. Along with [Dr. Alvaro and Soledad](#) we had many opportunities to help the pastors by offering ways to share God's love with their communities; free medical consultations, reading glasses, Vacation Bible School, health fairs, showing of the Jesus film, building projects, etc.



Much has changed in the past 13 years. The churches have grown and God has raised up solid Christian brothers and sisters to not only preach the gospel and care for their communities but to plan mission trips and plant churches all over Mexico. Cabo has also grown. Approximately 300,000 people now live there.

Dr. Alvaro and Soledad along with missionaries [Gary and Pam](#), continue to reach the communities for Jesus. There is now a small free clinic next to Dr. Alvaro's house in the community of Jacaranda and serves the poor in so many ways. They are a part of a children's feeding program in the colonia called Caribe, serving over 80 children 3 times a week. Due to the economic down turn, many of the men have left Cabo in search of work, leaving behind their families. Many Moms are working outside the home, but still struggling to feed their children. This program provides a place for children to go throughout the week to receive food, medical care and opportunities to learn about God. Another huge problem in Cabo is the abuse of alcohol and drugs. A new drug rehab center, supported by pastors, is helping to address this issue.



When we visited the area last week we were also excited to see that our missionaries are helping out at a seniors day center. The government built a beautiful facility but do not have the funds or man power to run it. Many of the local churches are involved in opening the center several times a week to provide food, medical care, and a loving place to be. Gary gave out glasses to over 60 seniors, while Pam, Dr. Alvaro and Soledad took blood pressure, checked glucose and gave out health information to those in need. (See top photo)



Pray for Southern Baja. The rate of teen pregnancy and drug abuse among young people has risen to alarming rates, including within the church. Parents are struggling to survive, often unavailable to attend to the needs of their children. Please pray for our missionaries too!

