

News from Don & Lorraine in Loreto

September 3, 2013



Good morning friends...

We trust you have had a wonderful summer... We have been traveling as many of you know, and we want to bring you quickly up to date:

We began our summer travelling to Ensenada, BC for the Annual Mexican Medical Ministries Missionary & Staff Conference, and then we went to San Diego for Don to have surgery on his right ear. We first noticed Don was having some trouble hearing just over five years ago, so we had his hearing checked and he was prescribed his first set of hearing aids at that time. However, Don has suffered greater and increasing severe hearing loss since – to the extent that even the strongest hearing aids available were no longer providing much help in Don's right ear. Therefore, his Doctors suggested that he have an operation to remove the eardrum in his right ear, and have the bones replaced that were no longer working... So on May 31 Don had this operation and now he has titanium parts behind his replaced eardrum... We were in San Diego for two weeks after the operation for his initial recovery, but we understood that full recovery from this operation would take 2-3 months. Therefore, Don has not been using a hearing aid in his right ear for these 3 months... This past weekend Don went to his E.N.T. Doctor/Audiologist in La Paz, BCS and had his hearing aids adjusted, so that he is now able to wear both of his hearing aids... Don will need to continue wearing hearing aids, but because of this operation, his hearing ability has increased significantly. We have much to praise the Lord for!

We drove 8,000 miles this summer all the way from Loreto, through California, Oregon and Washington to British Columbia, and back... We enjoyed so much our visits with many of our family, friends, supporters, and churches – however we were sorry to miss a few people that we wanted to see...

We arrived back in Loreto just over a week ago – on Saturday, August 24 – while Hurricane Ivo was crossing over the Baja. We did not get much wind in Loreto (thankfully), but we did get rain for a couple of days – especially in the mountains just to the west of us – with the result that there were several flash floods in our area. In fact, we live within ¼ mile of a river bed that is always dry, except for when it rains, and during that weekend there was a lot of sand, gravel, boulders, etc. that came down from the mountains and raised the riverbed about 10 feet. (That is the river ran at about 20 feet deep, and then basically it dried up in a couple of days, leaving about 10 feet of new sand and gravel behind.) In the process a couple of homes beside the river were washed out to sea, and the concrete road that used to be in the riverbed, allowing people to drive from Loreto Centro to Colonia Zaragoza, was also washed away...

We then had a couple of days reprieve, before it started to rain again – Hurricane Juliette was now bringing more rain; but thankfully not too much wind... However, this time more rock, sand, and gravel were brought down from the mountains, raising the riverbed even higher and therefore widening the riverbed – with the result that maybe a dozen more homes were carried out to sea..., and bringing the riverbed much closer to our home...

We are now cleaning things up, and getting organized and ready for our Evangelistic Health Fairs that will begin on October 4th. Our first two Weekender Teams this fall will be in new locations – in fact October 4-6 we will be in Constitución in the front yard of a home where they are endeavoring to start a new church. Then November 8-10 we will be at another new church-plant location in San Carlos...

Yesterday morning we were at the monthly pastors meeting in Loreto, and we were so glad to see eight churches represented, and to hear of the various plans they have for outreach and discipleship in the coming months here in Loreto. We remember well that ten years ago when we came to Loreto, none of the churches were working together – so we started the Pastor's Fellowship in our home – and how wonderful it is to see how the Lord has changed things...

Attached for your interest and prayer, is a summary of last year's Weekender Teams and Evangelistic Health Fairs – which without your prayers and support would possibly not have happened. So this is a “partnership report”...

Yes, we have much to be thankful for..., and much to praise the Lord for..., and also much to pray for...

Please continue to pray for us, and the various ministries that we are involved in... Pray for the people who have lost their homes here in Loreto during this past week... Pray that we will not have any more hurricanes this year – although *'the hurricane season'* (the time hurricanes usually could come our way), still runs for another 6-8 weeks...). Pray for the City of Loreto, which is bankrupt, because of the worldwide economic downturn of the past few years – pray that they will be able to restore the damaged areas of the city, and also that things will change and they will once again be able to pay all of their workers...

Again thank you so much for your friendship, for your concerns for us, for your prayers, and for your support. We serve the Lord, together with you – we are a team! And, we praise the Lord for this partnership!

Warmly,
Don & Lorraine



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http://www.mexicanmedical.com/people_detail.php?id=49

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... and once there please just scroll down and click on the various Reports...



Report for 'Weekender Teams'

October 2012 - June 2013

And looking ahead to this fall, and to 2014...



Thank you so much for your participation with us! -- whether it has been by prayer, by financial support, or by personal participation... Many people have been helped both physically and spiritually. So thank you again for helping to make this, for many people, ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

This year we've again had fewer people from the US and Canada join our Teams - we actually only Had 12 people come from the US and no one from Canada this year; but we had 52 people from Mexico join our Teams... (Some people have come more than once, just to be clear...)

In addition, we had 92 people working with us from the local Churches in each of the places we had taken our Health Fairs to, as well as an additional 27 people from Canada and the US who were vacationing in Mexico join our Teams... **So each of our Teams have been really wonderful..., and we praise the Lord for each person who worked so hard to make these evangelistic Health Fairs a great success!**



Since last fall we have taken our Health Fairs to San Carlos, twice to Santa Rosalía and twice to Loreto, and three times to La Paz. We worked with 6 different evangelical Churches during this past year, and we were at the State Prison in Santa Rosalía twice...

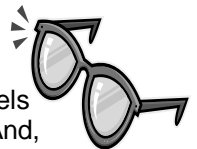
This past year we have held 16 Health Fairs, with the following totals...

- Team participants (as noted above).....183 people
- Total combined attendance..... 1,750 people
- Dentists helped..... 293 people
- Doctors helped..... 387 people
- Gave out free glasses to..... 772 people
- Prayed to receive Christ..... 65+ people
- Others prayed for..... many people...

So much to praise the Lord for!
Thank you for your many prayers!
And thank you too for your financial support!



Please continue to pray for all of these people, many had never heard before that by believing in Jesus Christ they could have a meaningful and eternal relationship with God. Many people were also very impressed with the love of Christ as it was shown to them... Pray that they will read the tracts and the Gospels of John that they were each given, and for the follow-up which is being done by the churches we were at... And, please also pray for the ministry that we have into the lives of each of the participants in our Teams — from Canada, the US, and Mexico...



The dates for next year's Teams have now been set, so please put them on your calendar, and then pray that God will supply the needed workers and the necessary finances; and also pray that many more people will be blessed through this ministry in the coming year. Also if you think you might be able to join with us for one of our Teams, please send us an email at loreto.ministries@gmail.com and we will be glad to send more information to you.



These are the dates that are now set for this next year:

2013:	October 4-7	November 8-11	November 20-24
2014:	January 17-20	February 21-24	March 7-10
	March 28-31	April 25-28	May 21-25
	October 10-13	November 7-10	November 19-23



Also most of these dates are for what we call "Weekender Teams", and please keep in mind that you may add days to them for additional ministry Opportunities, or for personal time in Loreto, or with us...

Thank you again for your prayers and support!

Don & Lorraine Karsgaard

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