



# Additional help & more ministries...

"You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world [Baja Sur, Mexico], to bear fruit..." [John 15:16] "And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us..." [II Corinthians 5:19-20] "Since God has so generously let us in on what he is doing, we're not about to throw up our hands and walk off the job..." [II Corinthians 4:1] "Pray for us. We have no doubts about what we're doing or why, but it's hard going and we need your prayers..." [Hebrews 13:18] — *These verses have all been quoted from 'THE MESSAGE'*

## ➡ God keeps leading and providing...

Some people have asked if it is our plan to retire soon; and our reply is an easy one. We really love what we are doing, and the Lord has been blessing it all. So as long as the Lord gives us health and energy, we would love to continue all that we have been doing in and around Loreto for the past 11+ years. But as we reported last year, we'd like just a little more help.

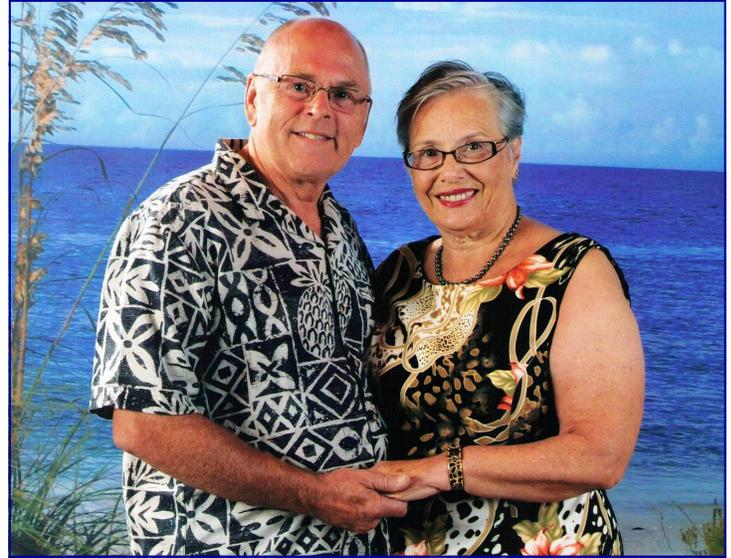
Last summer, because of a defect in the left front tire of our truck the tire delaminated..., rolling the truck onto its side on the freeway. Praise the Lord we not hurt badly, but the insurance company said the truck was 'totaled.' We wondered if the Lord was giving us a message that it was time to retire.

The Lord answered our prayers! We decided last June to not replace the truck, but to continue in faith... In September an almost identical truck was donated to Mexican Medical Ministries to replace our truck; AND the Lord has led Steve Crews to come each month to drive this truck, pull our Dental Trailer, and to help with much of the heavy work related to our Health Fairs. AND, Jan Crews is also delighted to come and help wherever need

AT THE SAME TIME Dr. Avila and his wife Soledad (a nurse), who have been serving for many years in Cabo San Lucas, were making some changes. And their financial support also increased leading them and providing for them to join our evangelistic Health Fair ministry.

The Lord is so good! - Always!

While it might have been easy to say that it was time to retire after the accident last June (2014) it obviously was not the time. AND the Lord has blessed so many people physically and spiritually this past year in our Health Fair ministry. So once again we've so much to praise the Lord for!



## ➡ Don & Lorraine start a Church in Loreto...

In 2003, when we first came to Loreto we did not believe that we would be starting a church. We had come to assist existing evangelical churches; and so we began holding our evangelistic Community Health Fairs - training churches in evangelism, and then having them reach out to their communities as a result.

There has never been a church in Loreto offering services in English. However there has been one church offering translation most Sundays; but really it has compromised their ministry among the local Mexicans.

Since arriving in Loreto 12 years ago we have done many things to assist the churches here. Obviously our Health Fairs have been a great help in several ways... In addition: we've held other outreach activities such as showing 'The Jesus Film,' and many other evangelistic DVDs; we've put on seminars for Pastors; as well as the '40 Days of Purpose' and other similar programs. We've done other things too, but the most critical happened the month after we arrived - we started a 'Pastor's Fellowship' in our home - with the goal to bring unity among warring evangelical churches; and wonderful changes have taken place since!

For years we've been burdened to also help the 'English speaking'

Christians here so we've conducted Bible studies, etc. under the name, the 'Loreto Christian Fellowship'. A couple of years ago we started Easter Sunrise Services, and this year we had 84 people attend - so the week after Easter we started holding 'English Worship Services' and had 27 attend our first church service. (We're not legally allowed to call it a 'church', even though that is what it is really. So because we are meeting in a large restaurant called 'The Backyard' we've named it 'Sunday in The Backyard'.)

So we are continuing to organize our evangelical Community Health Fairs, with additional help as noted. We are continuing to help the local Mexican churches in various ways. And additionally now we've taken on the leadership of reaching out to the English-speaking community in Loreto - 'Sunday in the Backyard'.

Please continue to pray for us..., and if you are able to support us in these ministries, (and we do need more support), please send us an email and we'll be glad to add you to the list of those who receive our Monthly Newsletters and Reports.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and financial donations...

*Don & Lorraine Karsgaard*

## Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Health & strength
- ◆ Lasting ministry effectiveness
- ◆ Another resident missionary
- ◆ Protection on the roads
- ◆ Evangelistic Health Fairs
- ◆ New Church in Loreto
- ◆ Changes in Canadian Law
- ◆ Donor retention
- ◆ Increasing support needs

## Praising God For:

- ◆ No need to retire just yet
- ◆ Protection on the road
- ◆ Provision of another truck
- ◆ Provision of doctors
- ◆ Helpers for our Health Fairs
- ◆ Continuing financial support
- ◆ Salvation from another storm
- ◆ Open doors in the Prison
- ◆ 12 at our home for 3 weeks
- ◆ CHIMP
- ◆ P. & S. Ministries Society
- ◆ God's mercy, grace, love
- ◆ God's calling, faithfulness
- ◆ Your Partnership



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