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# missions

## focus

*Serving in Mexico*

### Harvest Festival

Our church in the village, La Hermosa, hosted a harvest festival for the kids on Halloween. Each child dressed up as a character from the Bible. They walked the runway in costume and said who they are and shared a Bible verse. There were also games including bobbing for apples and crafts for the kids to do. We sang songs and the local youth presented a skit sharing the parable of the sower. We also shared a meal together. Then we sent the kids home with gift bags of candy.



*This is 4 year-old Perla, dressed as a bee from the creation story in Genesis. She is living at our site with her parents. It has been amazing to watch her open up.*

*This is my friend Ángela in front of the haystack & cornstalk decorations for the event. We are comrades in arms.*



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*Ps 46:10 Be still and know that I am God.*

## Mobile Dental Outreaches

This fall we traveled to several different locations on the Baja to provide free dental services using a Mexican Medical mobile dental unit. The dental team provided extractions, fillings, cleanings and check-ups.

At each location, we hosted an evangelism table for patients waiting and a mini vacation bible school for the children with whom we played games, colored, sang, shared bible stories and did crafts.

Please enjoy the pictures and short stories that are attached to each picture.



*Part of the dental team at work inside the mobile dental unit in Nueva Odisea.*



*Gabriel House is another location we visited with the dental unit. This is a home for special-needs children. On this day, we just played with the children while they waited for their turn to see the dentist. With the wheelchair-bound kids we did sensory stimulation: massaging feet and hands while praying for them or just holding them. Upper: Emanuel, who has Down syndrome plays checkers. Center: Emiliano, who is blind has just finished feeling Antonio's face so he would know what he looks like. Lower: Emiliano loved playing his piano, creating both melody and rhythm.*



*During VBS playtime in Vergel, these girls asked me to read a letter the teacher had sent home for their parents. So I put on my glasses and began reading. Since my Spanish sounds much improved when I am reading it, they surmised that they would be able to read if they put my glasses on. Their faces are filled with excitement at the possibility of being able to read through my glasses. It was such a sweet moment.*



*This is one of the dwellings in Nueva Era village where we took the dental unit.*



## San Francisco

The regular twice-a-week meal program done by a local church no longer continues due to lack of funding; however, I have been able to join a team from a Mexican church who travels from more than an hour away once a month to bring VBS and a meal to the children.

I continue my weekly visits to the village. Marta, one of the women with whom I have been praying and visiting, had a mastectomy over a year ago to remove cancer yet she had been continuing to have pain and cancer in her body. We began praying and soon her pain disappeared. During a visit about a month ago, she ran out of her house when she saw me. She had just returned from her doctor in Tijuana. Her body is now cancer free! Yea God!

I have also started to tutor Daniel to help him with his reading. I drive our ministry van to the front of his house and set up a little classroom in the back of the van for us to work. Meanwhile, some of the younger kids sit in the other seats coloring. Then we play together in front of their house. I have made some new little friends there who come to play during my visits.

On my next visit, I plan to set the van up as a cinema. I will put my computer on the dashboard and show the kids a Christian Christmas movie while we eat popcorn.



*My new little friends from left to right: Héctor, José, Ángel.*



*The gang from left to right: José, Ángel, Héctor, Daniel, Lupita, Amanda, Daniela.*



*The kids are playing with bottle caps collected from the trash to use as building blocks. They are so creative!*

## Kevin

A while back, Kevin was sick. His mom sought me out and asked me to pray for him.

At another time, I was back in SF to help with an event being hosted by a Nazarene church from Rosario. I was sitting at the table with Kevin when I asked his name. As soon as he said "Kevin" and looked up at me, I recognized him as the boy I had prayed for the month before. As I mentioned this to him, the memory flushed in his face and no longer was he seeing me. I could see his face change, I became invisible and he was seeing Jesus as he remembered the encounter. I wish I could have taken a picture of his face, his eyes in these moments.... Priceless. How blessed I am to have witnessed this and have this image forever in my mind of Kevin seeing Jesus!... Or was it the countenance of the Lord's face shining upon Kevin?



## San Vicente and Fellow Harvest Workers

We recently returned from a week spent in San Vicente, where we traveled to local schools and went into each classroom (K-6) to teach on different health topics. After each of us has gone into each classroom, we set up games and activities outside to help reinforce the lessons. While we are not able to talk about Jesus during these talks, we hope that the students and faculty will be drawn to Him by the kindness and love we offer because of Jesus.



*Gerardo teaches the kids how to brush their teeth and use floss.*



*Dave takes imaginary seed from his pocket for each student and puts it in their hand to hold up for his puppet chipmunk to eat. The kids loved this activity.*



*Tere passes out stocking hats to the students. These are made with love by volunteers in the States and donated to us for this purpose.*

## Giving Thanks

The Spanish translation for thanksgiving is 'acción de gracias.' Literally translated, this is 'action of thanks.' I love this because, while it is good to have a heart full of thanks and gratitude, it reminds me to also take action in pouring out that thankfulness.

I am so grateful to each one of you for being who you are. I am grateful to God for connecting our lives together. I am so rich to love each of you. I pray each of your lives are filled with peace and abundant love these coming holidays as we celebrate fellowship of community and the birth of our Savior.

## Spanish Language School

I am returning to the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca to study the next level of Spanish. I will be leaving on January 2nd and returning on March 12th, 2015. I would love your prayer coverage for continued growth in this area. I am hoping for a breakthrough, especially in the area of being able to understand what is being said to me in Spanish.