



Health Fairs in and around Loreto, B.C.S.

Bringing more than physical blessings...

REPORTING TO YOU ABOUT OUR WEEKENDER TEAM – February 26-29, 2016



This month we were in Constitución, which is about a two hours drive southwest of Loreto. The church had a nice building, (as far as standards seem to be here in our area of Baja Sur), but the congregation was small.

Arrangements had been made to have this weekend's Health Fairs with this church a couple of months ago, and we went to confirm everything on February 3rd and gave an introduction of our ministry at their church's mid-week service. The Pastor was away at a conference, but his wife was there, and everything went very well. So we were then invited to return on Wednesday, February 17th to preach in their mid-week service and to give a fuller understanding to everyone of how things would take place at the Health Fair.

To our surprise we found out at this meeting (not earlier for some reason), that their church had other groups come over recent years: some came with doctors to provide free consultations to those having medical issues or problems; other groups came to provide dental services for people in their congregation; and others had come giving free glasses to people in their church.

I explained to the Pastor and then to the congregation that our Health Fairs have a different focus than the groups that had been in their church previously. Our focus was not so much to provide these services to the members of their church, as much as it is to provide an evangelistic tool for the members of their church to use in reaching out with the love of Christ and the message of salvation to their family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

You see, many of the members of the churches in our area of Baja believe that it is the Pastor's responsibility to share Christ with people, and it's his job invite these people to their church services. And while this is true, they believe that it is NOT their job to do this... So one of the wonderful opportunities we have therefore is to help these Christians understand that IT IS their responsibility..., and that IT IS also a great privilege to share Christ with others.

We shared and explained the instructions that were given to us all in John 9:4-5; Matthew 5:13-16; Matthew 28:19-20; II Corinthians 5:17-20; Timothy 2:15; I Peter 3:15-16a; and Matthew 9:35-36...



Their Pastor was so excited to have Don share all of this with his church at their services, and to hear him sharing with people this past weekend as well, that he has invited Don back to preach in his church again.

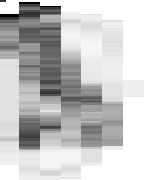
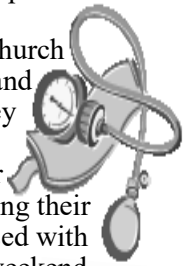
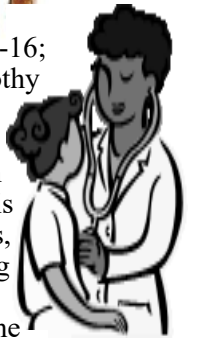
Please pray for this church and for Pastor Marcos and for his wife, Filipa - they are wonderful people...

So this weekend has been a wonderful start for many of the people in this church - a start to sharing their faith with others. Also many people were impressed with the love of Jesus that was shared with them this weekend.

This ministry is so very good!!! — helping both Christians grow deeper in their relationship with the Lord, and also helping others come closer to having a personal relationship with Christ as well.

Thank you so much again for helping to make all of this happen - both with your prayers and your gifts. We continually praise the Lord for your partnership!

If you have ever thought you might like to come and help us on one of our Weekender Teams, just send us an email for more information. If you'd like to spend a few days more before or after the weekend, we will help you find the right hotel, etc., and we'd love to have an opportunity to show you around Loreto and explain some of the other ministries we are involved in as well. Email: loreto.ministries@gmail.com



STATISTICS FOR 2 HEALTH FAIRS

Saturday & Sunday, February 27-28, 2016

Location: Iglesia Apostólica de la Fe en Cristo Jesús - in Constitución, BCS

Statistics: Total in attendance 167

People treated:

- Dentists... 57
- Doctors... 96
- Glasses... 118
- Prayed to receive Christ... 2+?
- Others counseled/prayed for... many...



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This is the church we were at this weekend, with our two-chair dental office/trailer parked in front...



At our 'welcome table' we get their names and addresses, and give them a Gospel of John; then they get tickets for the doctor, etc...



Lorraine recorded everyone's blood sugar readings, and Eliana recorded everyone's blood pressure readings...

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Pastor Marcos is seen sharing the Gospel with one man, and then he went to browse our Bible and book table, and get a free Bible...



Dr. Avila and his wife/nurse Soledad counsel with patients, while Jan checks and medicates the feet of people who have diabetes ...



Dental Assistant Gloria is cleaning the teeth for one person..., while Dentista Yxchel is filling a cavity for another person...



Dentista Bonnie, together with Dental Assistant Jan check a girl..., while Steve gives this lady glasses using the Gospel of John...

Thank you so much again for your prayers and support for this wonderful ministry, because many people are being blessed physically and spiritually as a result. Thank you!