



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

Bringing more than physical blessings...

REPORTING TO YOU ABOUT OUR WEEKENDER TEAM – May 31 - June 4, 2016



It has really been a very interesting time since our last Weekender Team, April 21-24... During the last week of April we were busy preparing for the last English Church service for the season. (The small church that we started in Loreto last year operates November 1 through to Mother's Day, as this is when most of the 'English-only speakers' are in Loreto - most retreat north during our hotter months...) During this first year we had 7 - 40 people attending these services - so for our first year, we are quite pleased! Well we had a wonderful Mother's Day service..., but later that afternoon as I was preparing to take Lorraine out for dinner something dark began to rise in my right eye. And as many of you know by now, that was the beginning of my retinal detachment. It was truly remarkable the way God provided very good doctors to diagnose and perform quickly the necessary emergency operation. **(Praise the Lord!)** Due to the severity of the detachment there was some damage done to the macula, *(I see things a little blurry and slightly wavy in this eye now)*, but I am very thankful I still can see with the eye. **(Praise the Lord!)** *[What caused this detachment? I was told, there was a very tiny hole in the retina itself that was responsible - likely from some past activities, or it may even have been a birth defect.]*

I was back home on May 10, but was told I must rest for 2-3 weeks, and sleep sitting up. So I was not sure if I would be able to participate in this Weekender Team, but the team was ready with or without me. **(Praise the Lord!)** And then on May 27, after my third post-operation doctor's exam, I was told I could return to most of my regular activities - so I was on the Team. **(Praise the Lord!)**

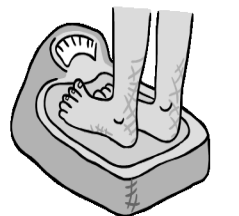
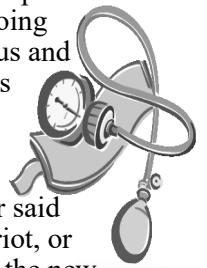
As in all of our Health Fairs we begin each day with a message from the Bible, to put the day and our lives in the proper perspective. So I began the Health Fairs in the prison in Santa Rosalia on June 1 sharing with our Team and some of the prison staff about how it is that I really 'feel at home' in that prison. I told the prison staff that I felt them to be my

friends, and I could see the eyes of some of the staff start to redden - especially as I went on to define the criteria for 'friendship'. Then shared that I also felt very comfortable with the inmates - then tears started to well up in the eyes of almost everyone as I went on next to describe how Jesus wants to be a friend to each of us; and that it was His love in me that gave me all of these wonderful feelings for them and the inmates... I was so glad to have been able to go to the Prison this month, and to be able to share this... **(Praise the Lord!)** And it has been so wonderful to see the lives of some of the prison staff change over the years that we have been going to this prison - some from antagonism towards us and towards Christ - but what a difference Christ has made in their lives... **(Praise the Lord!)**

A friend who had been with us in the prison before, bought 20 pairs of new shoes for some of the prisoners who had none - but the Director said that giving the men 'new' shoes might cause a riot, or they might be sold for drugs - so we exchanged the new ones for used ones and gave 28 men shoes; but 5 men were still without anything on their feet, so we went and bought more shoes and delivered them to these men the following week - were they ever surprised to see us come back so quickly. Again the 'love of Jesus' was seen and felt by both the staff and the prisoners... **(Praise the Lord! - for the donor..., and for gift of shoes - this was an expression of 'love and friendship', and also gave credence to the 'message of salvation'...)**

There is just so much to praise the Lord for!

Thank YOU again for helping to make all of this happen. Sharing 'the love of Jesus' and also the 'message of salvation' with even the prisoners is exciting for us, and we praise the Lord for your friendship and your partnership! God bless YOU!



STATISTICS FOR 3 HEALTH FAIRS

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, June 1-3, 2016

Location: State Prison in Santa Rosalia, BCS, Mexico
...about 3 hours north of Loreto

Statistics: Total in attendance 147 People treated:

- Dentists... 57
- Doctors... 66
- Glasses... 41
- Prayed to receive Christ... +?
- Others counseled/prayed for... many...



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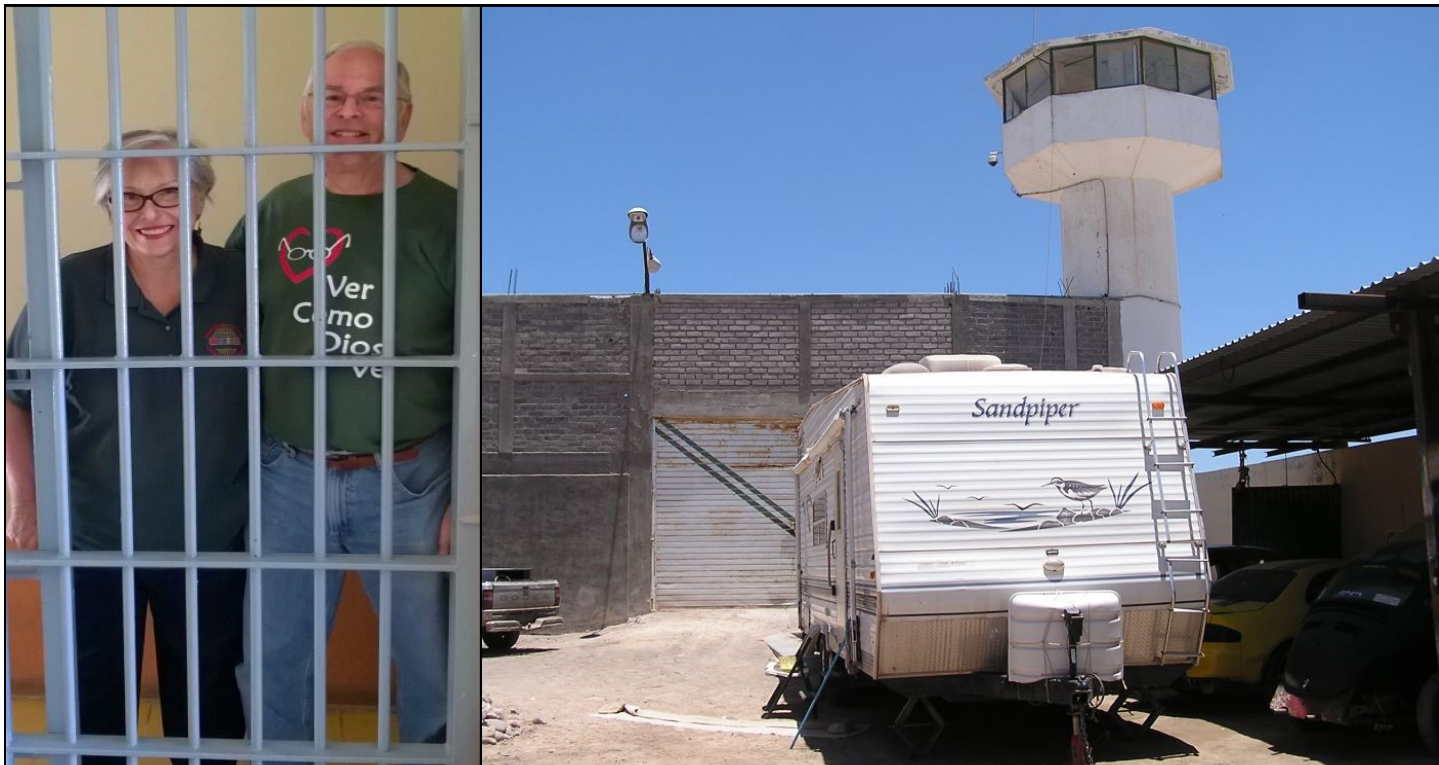
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Here we are back in the Mexican Prison in Santa Rosalía, BCS... But uniquely, we are loving every moment of it...

It was really wonderful to have Pastor Rafael Jr. with us this week from San Quintin. He greeted each of the 147 inmates we provided services for this week, (about 65% of all the inmates in this prison), as he registered each one of them for us. This gave him a special opportunity to introduce the message of salvation to many of the men..., as well as an opportunity to pray with some of them as well...



Lorraine and Eliana recorded everyone's blood pressure and blood sugar readings, as well as counseling a few of the men as well...

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Dentista Yxchel and Gloria saw patients in our Dental trailer... Dentista Bonnie and Jan were set up with portable dental equipment, to look after many of the men's dental needs...



Dr. Avila and Soledad helped many of the men with their medical needs..., as Steve helped men get the glasses they needed...



At the conclusion of our time all of the men came into this room where Don spoke to them, and they received Bibles, etc.



Most of our Health Fairs are held in churches in various places in Baja Sur, however once or twice a year we go into this prison... If you'd like information about how you could join any one of our 'Wonderful Weekender Teams' please send an email to us at:

loreto.ministries@gmail.com

You could be such a blessing to many people, and it could also 'jumpstart you' into a whole new phase of your life... This is truly a wonderful ministry that is impacting the lives of so many people. We'd love for you to experience it...!

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!