

July 2016

# The Mountains Will Move . . . Matthew 17:20

## The Ventura Lewis Family (Buky, Theresa, & Elena)

### Serving with Mexican Medical at La Esperanza



#### You are Part of the Harvest!

Time sure flies by as we keep busy with ministry! It's hard to find time to sit down and write about all of the things that God is doing. However, we want you to know because you are part of the harvest process as well, as you have sown into



this ministry by volunteering at La Esperanza, praying, and/or making a financial contribution to us or the ministry. Thank you and we pray you are encouraged to read how God is moving!

#### Sutherlin Family Church

A group of 27 came from Sutherlin Family Church in Oregon to serve with us the week before Easter. This church has been involved with our ministry for over twenty years. They donated our church's pews and one couple on this spring's team had been here when they put the roof on our church in 1995.

This year the team helped us dig and pour cement so that we can expand our sports area for the youth. They put on dramas at youth night and helped share the Gospel with 150 children at Migrant Camp Vergel through VBS. They also spent one day loving on the residents at the Buen Samaritano assisted living facility by doing crafts with them, playing balloon volleyball, and praying with them.

Sutherlin Family Church also donated a van to the ministry, which was an answer to prayer! The van has been very useful in picking up children for Kids' Club, as well as for transporting our volunteers to different ministry sites around the San Quintín Valley.



Clockwise from top left: This little girl gets special one-on-one time with a team member as she colors; Singing songs at VBS in Camp Vergel; A special prayer and connection time at Buen Samaritano.

#### Kids' Saturday Club Update

This spring we continued on with Kids' Club with an average of 25 children each Saturday. Buky taught about Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon. We made crafts like praying hands and David's pouch (with a mini slingshot and beans for rocks). April 30<sup>th</sup> is Kids' Day in Mexico, so we celebrated with dinner and a sleepover. A sleepover wouldn't be complete without a movie and popcorn! Fifty children came; one of the

kids said we should have a sleepover every Saturday! We are glad that they had fun and we enjoyed continuing to build relationships with them.



Above: This new van is perfect for picking up the kids from Saturday Kids' Club.

### Spring Surgical Team

On the medical front, we were joined by a surgical team April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> led by Kristi Libby from the Mexican Medical office. The team included two Ob-gyns, an anesthesiologist, a nurse, and an electrician (who worked on-site). They performed 7 free surgeries (hysterectomies, reattached tubes, and removed cysts) at Hospital Buen Pastor in San Quintín. These volunteers worked long days to serve their patients in such a short amount of time. We are grateful that they would use their skills to serve the least of these for Jesus.

### Dental Outreach at La Esperanza

At the beginning of May, we were joined by Mexican Medical missionary dentist, Dr. Bonnie Barajas, who served for a week at our clinic. She saw 52 patients while she was here. The patients were so grateful for the free services they received. One of the patients, who does not have a good reputation in our community, was so touched by the love and care that Dr. Barajas showed her that she is considering coming to church. Dr. Barajas also took our niece Alondra under her wing and was training her as her assistant. She was impressed

with Alondra's natural skill. Maybe Alondra will become a dental assistant or dentist someday! We look forward to serving with Dr. Barajas again in the fall.



Above: Alondra assists Dr. Bonnie Barajas during the dental clinic.

### Ministry through Motherhood

My friend Mirna is the teacher for Educación Inicial in our village. It's a program for parents and their children under the age of five that involves a mix of beginning education, as well as teaching the parents how to teach their children. Mirna was asking for donations for their Mother's Day/Children's Day party in May. Our ministry was able to donate coloring books, crayons, and books for the children. I decided it would also be a fun event to attend with Elena. Elena was able to interact with the children and hit her first piñata. God has used Elena to help me connect with the young mothers in the village, at this event and at baby showers.

After the party, one young mother and I took our kids to walk in the park and I was able to encourage her to seek the Lord. Since then, she has sought me out when she needs to talk and I have been able to pray for her and her children. I am grateful for these new opportunities that becoming a mother has helped make possible.



Above: Elena hits her first piñata.

Prayers Answered for Youth Center!

We had been praying about the plans to move forward on the youth center since December, and we asked for you to join us in prayer for the youth center in March. We are amazed how God answered our prayers! In May, we were joined by a group of high school seniors and their parents from Cornerstone Christian Academy in Presque Isle, ME. Two of the fathers on the team had engineering and construction experience, so they were able to start the work on our youth center roof. They made the first truss and left a pattern for other teams to follow. They also started building where the roof will attach to the other roof. We had no idea that this team would be able to do this job, so we were thrilled!

On top of that, in the middle of the week we received word that a large donation had been made to pay for the materials for the roof! So, we are thankful for what God is doing! This will be a place where the youth from our community can learn about Christ and a place that the children from Kids' Club will be able to go to continue in their walk with Christ!



Above: A group moves the first truss for the youth center.

Grade School Feeding Program

The leader of the Cornerstone Christian Academy team, George McLaughlin, was here with a team four years ago in the fall. It was their team that started work on the grade school cafeteria ceiling. A week after they had completed the work, an inspector came to check out the project, and since they saw the investment of work in the ceiling, the government paid the money needed to completely

renovate the building. The school now has a government-funded feeding program where they feed the children two meals a day. It was so special that George was able to return this summer and that his team was able to cook breakfast and serve it to the students in their new cafeteria. How awesome that God used a few guys from Maine to help facilitate a feeding program for children in our community!



Above: The feeding program at our local grade school.

**Please Pray For . . .**

- **Responsive hearts to the Gospel at our outreaches: VBS, film ministry, health fairs**
- **God's guidance, endurance, and team unity as we minister this summer**
- **Workers to complete the youth center**
- **Balance between parenting and ministry**
- **Buky's greencard appointment to be assigned**

**Upcoming Team Ministry:**

- **July 16 - 23: Crossroads - Ridgecrest, CA**
- **July 30 - August 6: FOPC - Fair Oaks, CA**
- **August 10 - 15: Real Life - Chelan, WA**

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