



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

Bringing more than physical blessings...

REPORTING TO YOU ABOUT OUR WEEKENDER TEAMS – February 3-6 & 24-27, 2016



This month we have had two Weekender Teams putting on Health Fairs - both near La Paz. The first were held at a church we had been to before, and the second weekend of Health Fairs was at a church we had not been to before. Both of these churches had suffered total destruction from hurricanes in the past but both are well on their way to completing the construction of their new/current facilities.

We were almost unable to have our Health Fairs this past weekend, because the road in front of the church was being dug up to put in new water lines. Fortunately we arrived a day early with the dental trailer, otherwise it might have been impossible to get it to the church - they had trenches dug across the road in several places, but fortunately not all the way across the road. Jim Shelly, who was pulling our dental trailer with his truck for us this month, was able to squeak it in with only about two inches to spare, and that included bending a recently planted palm tree out of the way as well. Jim was a professional truck driver, pulling trailers for many years. So we thank the Lord for Jim and Karen being with us this month!

It was wonderful to make contact through Don Gerig with some Canadians and Americans vacationing in La Paz, and therefore we had additional help we were not counting on, and that was a real blessing! In fact, Ken & Linda Gill from Grand Forks, BC now request your prayers as they seek the Lord's guidance concerning becoming more active with us in our Health Fair ministries and in particular with the church in Melitón Albañez - the location of our first Health Fairs this month. (Melitón Albañez is a migrant worker farming community about one hour west of La Paz)

And it was also a real joy to have Dra. Male and Gabriel (and their children: Jetro, Dara and Onam) with us this past Sunday. You'll remember they had been with us for almost every Health Fairs for about eight years, but about three years ago, because of increased responsibilities in La Paz

and in Guadalajara, they were unable to continue. However this past Sunday they were available, and so we were very glad to welcome them back!

Travis and ShuLei Flippen will be moving to Loreto. Travis is currently building their new house, and ShuLei will come to Loreto later this year after her retirement. Travis was able to help us with our Health Fairs last October - he speaks Spanish fluently and he can fix almost anything, and he enjoys dispensing glasses. This month he was able to help with both of our Health Fairs - which made it much easier for Don to return to Loreto on the Saturday nights, so that he could preach at the new English church we began recently in Loreto.

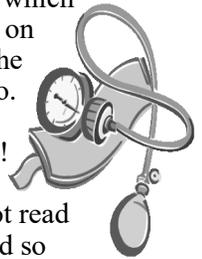
It is truly wonderful the way the Lord brings everyone together to serve in these Health Fairs!

At our first health fairs this month, we were introduced to a man who until recently could not read or write. He had become a Christian, and wanted so much to read the Bible. So he got an old Bible and just looked and looked at the pages - and then he started to read... It was a miracle! Well he was the first one at our Bible/book table, and bought his own new Bible. Now that's special!

At the health fairs this past weekend, a lady had high blood pressure and glucose reading of 430 - the doctor asked us to take her to the hospital where she would be looked after and given some medicine. She returned the next day, thanking us for helping her avoid a stroke, which we understood could have happened...

Please continue to pray with us, and praise the Lord with us - these Health Fairs are such a blessing to many people - physically and spiritually...

Thank you so much again for helping to make all of this happen. We appreciate your partnership!



STATISTICS FOR 4 HEALTH FAIRS

Saturday & Sunday, February 4 & 5, and February 25 & 26, 2017

Locations: (#1) Iglesia Semillas de Fe - about 6 hours southwest of Loreto near Todos Santos, with Pastors Chuy & Juanita; and (#2) Iglesia Jesus la Vid Verdadera in La Paz, with Pastors Santiago & Laura Duarte...

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| Statistics: Total in attendance | 372 | People treated: | |
| • Dentists... | | | 79 |
| • Doctors... | | | 185 |
| • Glasses... | | | 182 |
| • Prayed to receive Christ... | | | 11+? |
| • Others counseled/prayed for... | | | many... |



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This is the church we were at February 5-6, a drive of about 6 hours southwest of Loreto, or about 1 hour north of Cabo San Lucas...



On Saturday Don Karsgaard spoke to those who came early in the morning to our Health Fair, and Don Gerig (seen above) spoke on Sunday. During these meetings at the beginning of each day, we essentially explain to the church people how they can easily share the love of Jesus and the message of salvation with all the people who would come. And we encouraged those who came early to be sure they would be able to see a doctor, a dentist, or to get some glasses, to join the meeting. They therefore heard the message of salvation and how we were instructing and encouraging the church people to share their faith, then we concluded in a circle of prayer.



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As each person arrives they are welcomed, registered, given a Gospel of John and a printed invitation to come to the church services. Then they proceed to a larger table where they line up to receive a numbered ticket - to see a doctor or dentist, or to get eye glasses, receive diabetes counselling, or maybe just to have their blood sugar level tested.



Everyone's height and weight is recorded..., then their blood pressure and blood sugar readings are taken...



We had several doctors helping us this weekend - and they were continuously very busy...



People were given glasses for reading and/or distance...

Those with diabetes were given special foot care attention...

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Our dental trailer was brought onto the church property and Yxchel, Gloria and Liz kept very busy as well...



This village of about 3,000 people does not have a Drug store, so we had a Pharmacy from La Paz on site for the two days...



People lined up and crowding to be sure they get looked after... And some people went over to our Bible/book table as well...



Pastora Juanita is seen here talking with a man about the Gospel of John he is holding. While Ken encourages the children...

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Lorraine teaches the children how to wash their hands properly; with the spiritual lesson of how we can wash our sin away...



Linda teaches the children to brush their teeth, how often to brush, and how to do it correctly...



Linda is seen here giving the children their gift bags of soap, a washcloth, a toothbrush and tooth paste, and other hygiene items...

Lunch was prepared by the church each day for all the workers, and served to us in small groups — very tasty!!!



Some of the workers that helped this weekend are seen above...

Please continue to pray for Pastors Chuy and Juanita...

WEEKENDER TEAM — February 25-26, 2017 — La Paz, Baja, Mexico



This is the second church we were at this month, located in a new area on the outskirts of La Paz...



Don spoke on Saturday morning, and Gabriel spoke on Sunday... And we prayed as a team - Mexicans, Americans and Canadians...



Again people are given a warm welcome and a Gospel of John, and then tickets for the various services they would like...



Ken & Linda Gill have enjoyed their trip to this part of Mexico so much... Now they feel the Lord is calling them to become more involved in ministries here in Baja Sur.

As we have said so many times, you could be a blessing to many people by joining us on one of our 'Wonderful Weekender Teams' and it could also 'jumpstart you' into a whole new phase of your life — WOW!

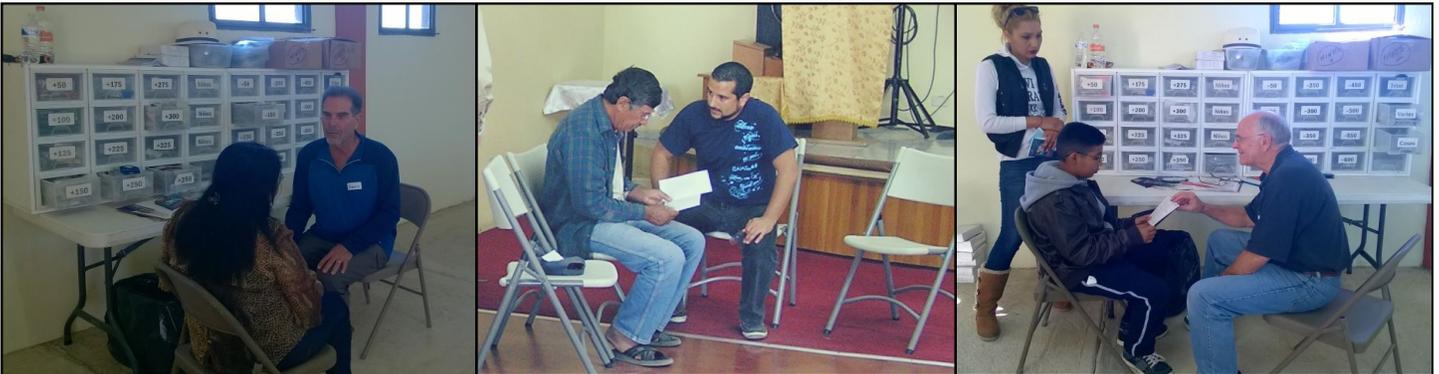
***Think about it - pray about it...
Pray for Ken & Linda as they are about to take their next step...***

Ken measures everyone's height and weight, while his wife Linda takes people's blood sugar and blood pressure readings...

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Dr. Ricardo and Dra. Male were able to spend lots of time with each patient because we were not too busy - a blessing really...



Travis, Gabriel and Don dispensed glasses this weekend. We had people read John 3:16 and then discussed it briefly with them...



Our mobile two-chair dental office (trailer) is seen here..., and inside Yxchel and Gloria were kept busy both days...



What a joy it is to share the love of Jesus with people,
And to be able to give them the Gospel of John,
And then a Bible as they start their new life in Christ,
And a Study Bible as they begin to mature in their faith.

What a joy it is to share an easy "A-B-C-D-E" approach
to sharing the message of salvation with people -
making it a natural and easy discussion...

What a joy it is, not just pray for people, but to pray
with them - according to the needs they feel they have;
And then to see their faces light up, and their smiles,
as they begin to trust the Lord Jesus.

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!