



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

*Bringing more than physical blessings...*

**REPORTING TO YOU ABOUT OUR**

**WEEKENDER TEAM – March 30 - April 3, 2017**



We have been going to the State Prison in Santa Rosalia since 2006, and this year we've added to our ministries the Prison in La Paz, the capital of Baja Sur, Mexico, which is about 5 hours south of Loreto.

A couple of months ago we met with the Director of this Prison, and he explained to us that they would really like us to bring our Health Fairs to this Prison because he said their methods of teaching self-discipline to the inmates was not working, and they'd seen a change in some of the men who had become Christians - and wanted this same life-change for all of their inmates. We were in the Director's office that day with 'Moises', a man from the First Baptist Church in La Paz who'd been ministering in this prison for many years, but had often only been given limited opportunities. So that day we said, "yes, we would be glad to help", and right away we started working with Moises to put our Team together for this past weekend.

Our Team this time was made up of mostly Mexicans - it was 4 doctors, 3 dentists and 11 other Mexican volunteers, plus a wonderful couple from Canada. Ken and Linda Gill came from Grand Forks, BC to La Paz for a nice winter holiday this year and have since been led of the Lord to buy property and to begin serving the Lord in Melitón Albaláez, (where they helped with our Health Fairs in February).

The La Paz Prison is the largest in the State of Baja Sur, with just over a thousand inmates; and because of the way it's configured we were unable to take our dental trailer in. However, because of its size they had a dental office and three doctors consultation offices inside; so we used all of these rooms, as well as the hallway - where we set up our tables for registration, taking blood pressure and blood sugar readings, and for the glasses we would give out, and another for the Bibles we would also give to people.

At the beginning of each day Don spoke to our group of volunteers, (and some of the prison staff), explaining who we were and what our relationship with God is all about.

Also at the beginning of each day we had a time of prayer

In fact a lot of prayers had gone up even before we all arrived in the Prison on Friday, and this I am sure is one of the reasons we had such a wonderful time there this past weekend.

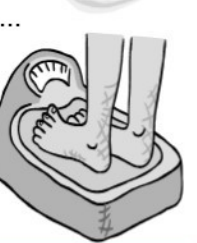
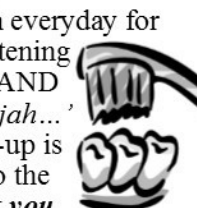
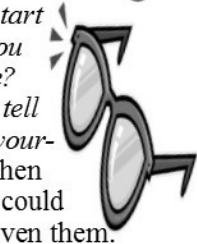
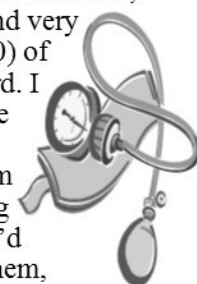
Some people have asked us if we are afraid in the Prison and I say "No! In fact I feel very much 'at home' when in these prisons". I am simply overcome with love from Jesus for the inmates. So we've already set aside November 10-12 for our next Health Fairs in the La Paz Prison.

All of the inmates we saw and helped this past weekend,

(men and women), were really very pleasant and very appreciative; and **Praise the Lord**, over fifty (50) of them prayed to receive Jesus as Savior and Lord. I loved the way the man who helped me dispense glasses talked with people. After we had given them the glasses they needed, Manuel told them that they were there because they'd done wrong and they each acknowledged such. But then he'd ask them if they had 'repented' - he'd say to them, 'You need to confess your sins to God, and to start living for God.... You need to obey Him! Are you willing to not do again the wrongs you've done? Are you willing to repent of your sin? Will you tell God right now that you will no longer live for yourself as you've done, but start obeying God?' Then after they'd agreed to tell God verbally, (so we could hear) Manuel would explain that God had forgiven them.

Then we'd ask them to read the Gospel of John everyday for 30 days and after to start reading the Bible - listening to God for His instructions, and obeying Him. AND then we'd sing together, 'Hallelujah..., Hallelujah...'

Please pray for Moises and others as follow-up is done. Pray for us as we take our Health Fairs to the Prison in Santa Rosalia, May 31-June 2. **Thank you so much again for helping to make all of this happen. We praise the Lord continually for your partnership!**



## STATISTICS FOR 3 HEALTH FAIRS

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 31, April 1+2, 2017**

**Location:** State Prison in La Paz, BCS, Mexico - about 5 hours south of Loreto...

**Statistics:** Total in attendance 132+

People treated:

- |                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| • Dentists...                    | 62      |
| • Doctors...                     | 107     |
| • Glasses...                     | 104     |
| • Prayed to receive Christ...    | 50+?    |
| • Others counseled/prayed for... | many... |



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The La Paz State Prison has had some challenges in the recent past, so we were invited to come and help bring some of the positive changes they desire. There are over 1,000 inmates here - mostly men, although there were a few women - some with small children. It certainly is a heavily guarded prison where most of the men we saw were wearing yellow..., and everyone treated us very well...!



At 8:30 am we entered through these gates into a comfortable holding area; we gave our ID to the office and were given passes to proceed. At this point we were escorted to the administrative area where they look after any who are sick. We then had our morning meeting and prayer before we set everything up. By 9:30 am we were seeing the inmates and we worked hard until about 1:00 pm when we were escorted to another area of the Prison for the lunch they were providing - and the food was wonderful!

The plan the Prison had for us was to continue working until about 4:00 pm, however I don't think we left much before 5:00 pm, and we all left fairly tired, but overjoyed at what was accomplished each day - as was the administrative staff of the Prison.

On our first day we saw only men and then the last day we saw mostly women. There were a few organizational hiccups with our large group of volunteers who had never worked together before. But all in all everything went smoothly, and the prison was delighted with everything and so we have made plans together for us to return November 10-12...





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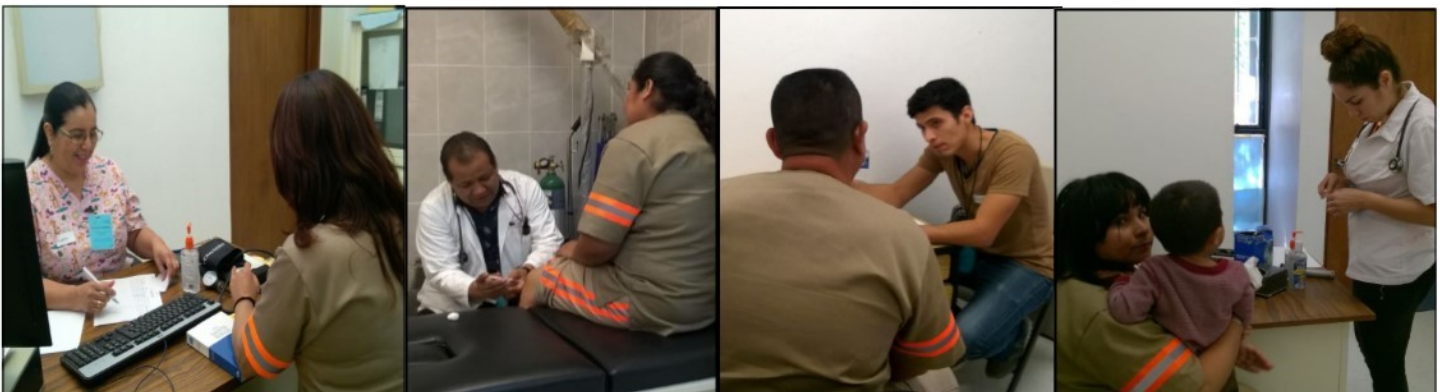
The inmates start to line up and the guard lets them in... Yolanda greets them first, and shares a word about God's love for them...



Lorraine greets them next with a smile, and registers each one according to their desire: to see a doctor, a dentist, or to get glasses...



Next Ken and Pedro note height & weight, then Blanca, Rosita and Linda take blood pressure & blood sugar, and Rafa records...



After the above, they will see Dra. Lupita, Dr. Josue, Dr. Ricardo or Dra. Lilly; and then go to the on-site pharmacy following...



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In the Dentist's Consultation Office we had Dra. Bonnie, Dra. Blanca and Dra. Yxchel - they were each very busy all three days...



In the hallway we had personal interaction with each inmate, and prayed for many - you see three accepting the Lord here...



...and two more here. Manuel is on his knees in front of an inmate, praying for him; and then another man after receiving glasses...



A man had donated his late wife's many shoes; and one lady is seen here getting a pair... Then there was singing = "Hallelujah..."



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At the end on Sunday afternoon, we had a meeting with the inmates, and gave them our gift bags, Bibles and New Testaments...



Please pray for the inmates - it's not an easy life in this Prison. Here is the riot squad getting ready to go in, only a few months ago...



Arturo is the new Director; Armando is the Captain (*yes, giving out Bibles*); and this is one of the lunches our team had in the prison...



\* Please pray for Arturo, who invited us to come; and pray for Armando, who was with us every day, (*and wants us all to come back*). Pray they'll have wisdom, mercy, love and grace as they seek to manage this Prison - and as they trust this weekend to be the start of bringing in their desired changes.

\* Please pray that when we return in November the doors will once again be open to us to share the love of Jesus and the message of salvation with the inmates, guards and staff.

\* Praise the Lord with us: over 50 people began life changes this weekend - pray they'll find Christian fellowship in the prison and together they'll be strong in their faith and they will be good examples to the reality and love of Jesus Christ..

*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!*