



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

*Bringing more than physical blessings...*

### REPORTING TO YOU ABOUT OUR WEEKENDER TEAMS – May 30 - June 3, 2017



This month we were in a prison again - this time in Santa Rosalía, where we have been going every year for the past eight years - sometimes twice in a year. It was so wonderful to be back again sharing the love of Jesus and the message of salvation with some of the staff, guards and inmates; and to see some of the fruit of our previous labors.

On the day we arrived, we were welcomed very warmly by many of the staff and guards - quite a difference from how everything began eight years ago. All of the suspicion, apprehension, and criticism we experienced back then had been replaced with embrace after embrace; and on the last day of our time this time, one of the lead guards asked if we could take our health fairs to the communities around his home - and he assured us that he wanted to help us put these health fairs on...

Because of our recent time in the La Paz prison, and the liberties to share the Gospel we were given there, I decided to be even more foreword when sharing with everyone this time in Santa Rosalía. (It is important to be respectful of the regulations in these government institutions, and yet be sure to give the Gospel message to everyone. Therefore it can be a delicate balance, to keep the door open for our return...)

This time in the meetings we had with some of the staff and guards at the beginning of each day, I explained exactly why we keep coming back - beginning by telling them why every time we come we give everyone the little booklet, "Agua Viva" - the Gospel of John.

What makes this book special is that the writer had seen and heard something so very unique, from a person he had got to know so well, that he felt compelled to share what he had come to know with as many people as possible. In the same way we too have come to know and experience something we want to share - especially with the inmates (who have been discarded from society) - because everyone who comes to know and experience what this writer explains, will have their lives will be changed forever, for the good...

The writer used these words trying to describe who Jesus was: *The Word, Creator, Life, Light, Grace, Truth, Son of God, Lamb of God, Forgiver...*

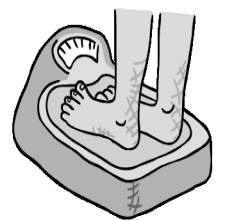
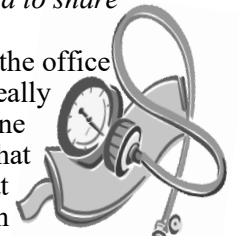
During these three morning meetings we read together John 1:1-23 and I explained in detail what each of these words meant; and then I went on to explain that John the Baptist declared himself to be preparing the way for the Messiah - the One who was coming into their world as promised, to change everything...! In the same way I said, "We are like John the Baptist - coming into your world to share this same wonderful news..."

After the meeting on the third day one of the office staff came to me explaining how much she really appreciated what we were doing, and had done over the years; and then went on to explain that her life had been changed as a result, and that she had been attending one of the churches in Santa Rosalía that we had held our health fairs at a few years ago...

At the meetings we had with all of the inmates at the end of our three days I again explained to them, using a modern parable, the personal value there can be of reading the Bible, believing what it tells us, and doing what it says... All of them were then given a bag of hygiene items and a pair of flip-flops, and those needing shoes picked them up, and in addition over one hundred men picked up Bibles...

Please continue to pray for everyone at these prisons and for the 'seeds' that are being planted. God is definitely at work here, and we are so glad to be able to be a part of all of this. And we are blessed to have some wonderful people working with us...!

**Thank you so much again for helping to make all of this happen. We do praise the Lord, for your partnership!**



## STATISTICS FOR 3 HEALTH FAIRS

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, May 31, June 1 & 2, 2017**

**Location:** Santa Rosalía State Prison — about a 3 hour drive north of Loreto

**Statistics:** Current total in this Prison 180      People treated 168

- Dentists... 76
- Doctors... 65
- Glasses... 65
- Prayed to receive Christ... 5+?
- Others counseled/prayed for... many...



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Lorraine greeted each of the inmates with a big smile as she registered them..., and Larry then recorded their height and weight...



David and Marta recorded everyone's blood pressure and blood sugar readings, as Steve, Larry and Marillo talked with them...



Dr. Ricardo and Dr. Alvila consulted with the inmates, with Solidaridad and Bree assisting them...



Dr. Alvila, assisted by Bree Johnson, did several minor operations as well while we were there...



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Dentists Bonnie, Blanca, Yxchel, and dental assistant Gloria were all also kept very busy all three days...



Steve gave glasses to those needing them..., Jan helped the dentists with their various needs..., and Pastor Rafael talked to many...



Pastor Rafael and Marillo shared the message of salvation..., and here we see one inmate accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior...



Lorraine is seen here with the staff member who shared with us that she had recently also accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior — this is what is so exciting...

And to the right is this month's Team, sharing a meal after a few days of hard work...



*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!*