

Mission Focus



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Serving in Mexico

Kids' Club

Each Saturday our team gathers to host our village children to come and learn about Jesus and to help build Christian community among the families in our village. Many of the children who come are not part of our Wednesday or Sunday services and their parents don't come to church, so we provide Vacation Bible School on Saturdays. These kids come to be loved, seen and valued. Often they return home and share what they have learned with their parents and families. And soon the whole family begins to come to church. It is such a gift to witness these transformations!



Surgical Team

Mexican Medical staff nurse Kristi Libby brought a surgical team to our area. They stayed with us on our site while they served at a local hospital providing free medical care and surgeries. On the team there were three surgeons, an anesthesiologist, two physician assistants, a registered nurse, a perinatologist, and a medical student. It was my honor to serve them by helping to host their stay with us and help with kitchen duties. This was a double blessing for me as these medical professionals traveled so far to serve those here that I love so much!



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San Francisco Village

I had not been out to San Francisco since November of 2017 when nineteen children gave their lives to Christ. Oh, how I had been longing to return. Finally, this spring I have been able to make several trips out there. Our small team has been able to go play with the kids, help to feed them with healthy food, worship with them, do arts and crafts, and, most importantly, bring them God's Word for nourishment and growth – planting Kingdom seeds in little hearts.

The lead pastor of the church that we partner with there has left his family and the church, so his daughters have taken over the ministry. We have been praying for all of them and it was much on my heart to go pray for and bless these women. I could feel in my spirit that the Lord wanted to touch and encourage them through His body. These women wept as we prayed for them. I am so thankful to be a part of their continuing healing process.

On another occasion, we were there celebrating 'Children's Day.' Mexico has designated April 30th of each year for this celebration. Our small team joined a larger team who had come from Sacramento. We played for a while with the kids, then Flor led us in worship and Lety shared the Word. Next, there were several stations set up for the kids – a bounce house, balloon animals, face painting and two craft tables. What fun the kids had! There were about 75 kids in attendance. Finally, we ended in serving a meal. And as tradition would have it on 'Children's Day,' we sent each one home with a bag of candy. Our main message on this day was to plant in every little heart that each one is valued, seen and loved.



Girls turn in the bounce house.



Nail salon time.



Best friends Elsie and Brisa.

Story time.



Kids' Club Pictures



Jesus' resurrection craft.

Giving living water.



My former student, Flor, now teaches guitar to the older kids during craft time at VBS.



Spring Encounters with other Missionaries

This spring we have had several missionaries passing through or visiting our area, some of who stayed with us for some nights of respite and/or ministry. It has been a joy to host these fellow workers in the faith.

On one occasion, Sutherlin Family Church (who has been coming to Mexico for almost 25 years) was building a house and staying at another Mexican Medical site in northern Baja. The mission pastor is training new leadership (3 couples) to lead teams on the mission field, so they came to visit us for the night. Pastor Craig taught a mission class to the students in Bible school here. The large classroom was filled with students and others who came from surrounding areas to listen as well. Pastor Rafa (Bible School director and professor) will be leading a team of his students to Chiapas (a state in southern Mexico) this coming January. It will be the first time for many of them to travel to other parts of their country for missions.

Among some of the other interesting encounters this spring has been crossing paths with several teams who originally come from other countries and emigrated to the United States. In their churches in the US, they try to preserve their culture and languages, passing them on to their children. I have met teams from Korea, Japan, and the team that we served with on Children's Day was from the Ukraine. It is so amazing to see the diversity of people who come here to bless and bring Jesus to the indigenous people groups.

*Pastor Craig Hall with his
team of future mission
team leaders.*



La Hermosa Church Activities

We have been ever so busy this spring in our church here. Among some of our activities were a sunrise Easter service we held on one of the nearby hills, where we could view our whole village and valley as we celebrated Jesus' Resurrection. Though we did not witness the sunrise due to the cloud cover, we built a fire to stay warm and shared a meal afterward. Another time, we hosted a gathering of five churches, where we had an amazing time of worship, teaching, ministry, and fellowship together. One day a week, some of us women gather in our prayer room to pray and intercede for our church and village. Also, the Bible school continues to have classes on Mondays and Tuesdays. Next, we most recently celebrated Mother's Day, where the youth served a meal and put on an amazing drama. I saw several of the women with tears streaming down their faces. Furthermore, I am watching new believers come into our church and grow. I am witnessing families being healed by their encounters with Jesus. What wonder!!!



*Our church worshipping
on Easter morning up on a
nearby hill.*

*An old cactus became the
fuel to keep us warm on
Easter morning..*



Health Fairs

Our last spring team came to us toward the end of May. As part of their nursing school curriculum at California State University Bakersfield, their professor brought nine of her students to experience on-the-field training. Joining us were the Bible school students from our site at La Esperanza. We held health fairs in three different locations. For the adults, we offered blood pressure and glucose screenings, reading glasses, diabetes education, and foot care. For the children, we provided health education in ten areas through a variety of games, teaching, and interactive experiences. Of course, one of these areas was regarding spiritual health, where the gospel was shared. By our last day, sixteen children had prayed to receive Jesus into their hearts. After visiting all ten stations, each child received a handmade cloth bag filled with hygiene items. Over the course of three days, we served approximately 175 children and 85 adults.



A little one enjoying hand washing.



A little one watching her Mom receive loving foot care.



Boys learning about healthy foods while playing bingo.



Learning about proper oral care.



There is room for more faith partners. If you would like to participate in the ministry through prayerful financial support, it would be welcomed. Checks would be made out to 'Mexican Medical Ministries' with a note attached for 'Cris McCoy.' Please mail to the address below. Or you may call the office for other giving methods. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt. All donations go directly to ministry and living expenses on the field.

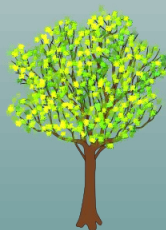
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*Ps 46:10 Be still
and know
that I am God.*



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