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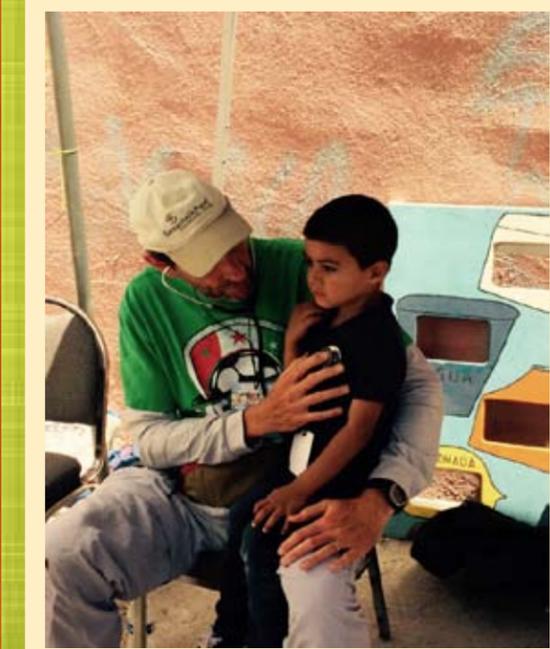
2016 Annual Report



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Medical Services Report



Steve & Jan Crews

Reflecting on the past year, I feel a sense of joy. There weren't any crises and it was a pleasant year that flowed smoothly between events and outreaches. There was growth and blessings increased. We witnessed the fruit of the Lord's harvest, with many people coming to Christ.

One exciting new opportunity for ministry began with an invitation to serve in the maximum security prison in La Paz, BCS, Mexico. We continue to minister every year at the Cereso prison in Santa Rosalía but this new opportunity provides the opportunity to minister to almost 200 more male and female inmates. At our first event there, they were treated to dental care and medical consultations and most heard the gospel message of Jesus and His love—and some responded to the truth!

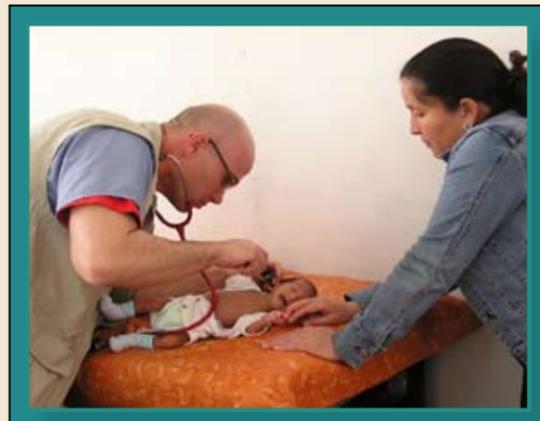
In Tijuana, we went from doing six "brigadas médicas" (health outreach events) per year to eight. Even with twice as many outreaches, Tijuana, with its millions of residents, remains a city in desperate need of the transforming power of the Good News. This year, thousands of Haitian refugees arrived in Tijuana. Mexican Medical contributed from our warehouse to assist local evangelical churches who are working to feed and clothe them. We also order a thousand Gospels of John in French to help spread the Word of truth in their mother tongue.

In San Quintín, Hospital El Buen Pastor treated 5448 patients. They delivered 211 babies, 154 of which were by C-section. There was a total of 470 surgeries performed during the year. The hospital still remains the very best option for surgery or medical care for at least 150 miles in all directions. They began remodeling the surgical wing; the project will continue on into 2017. Once complete, it will be a state-of-the-art facility featuring two operating rooms fitted with intense air purification systems (enabling eye surgeries) as well as a new delivery room.

A major part of the work at La Esperanza, our site located slightly south of San Quintín in the village of Nueva Odisea, is youth and children's ministry, including a children's Bible club that meets every Saturday. Short-term missions teams began constructing a large teen center and an outdoor speed-soccer court. Both facilities will open many doors and provide a welcoming place for community youth and families to play together, learn together, and fellowship with Christians.

Throughout this past year, many in our Mexican Medical family have noticed a recurring theme of legacy. We have a number of third-generation members serving alongside their parents and other family members. In Palenque, our missionary Pastor Diego Solis's son Daniel began dental school. Lord willing, in a few years we will have another missionary dentist. It is a huge blessing that so many of our children's children are following their families' legacies of service!

Blessings from Pastor Steve Crews



From volunteers, to pastors, to patients: lives are being changed through the medical outreaches. While we don't get to hear everyone's story, we do witness some and hear others. There are pastors who believe so much in the medical brigadas that they have been traveling across the city of Tijuana and across the Baja to come volunteer at the events. It started because we were able to bless their local church and community with a brigada near them, so now they sacrifice in order to be there and serve. It doesn't make sense for them to serve when they are so far from their local congregation, but there is no doubt they are receiving God's blessing through serving others, and so they continue to come and serve.

At our last outreach, one of the local church volunteers was a policeman who has been changed through his relationship with Jesus. He is on fire and it shows. He invited his fellow policemen to come to the brigade for free medical care. At least one of his compadres came. When we checked his blood sugar, it was extremely high. Then, when we checked his blood pressure, that also was off the charts. This police officer learned about his health problems, received a free consultation, education, and heard the gospel while seeing God's love in action. While we don't know if he made a personal decision for Christ, we do know that he was well cared for. This was a great example of what we want to do: we bring supplies and organize local pastors so they can stimulate their churches to reach out to their friends, neighbors and co-workers who need to know Christ as their personal Savior. Then we all come and serve together, each one doing his part so that many can hear about Jesus' love for them and choose to live for Him.

Lastly, the volunteers' lives are changed. Many serve with us again and again, which is a testimony to the fact that they are blessed by serving. A volunteer from a recent team wrote this reflection:

"I wanted to say thank you for inviting me on the mission trip. Although it was short, it will have a lasting impact. When I signed up for this trip, I did not have any expectations. I just asked God for His will to be done and for me to accept it. It was nice to be in a building where all we did was glorify God. It was very powerful for me to be able to translate and offer prayer to the patients we saw. At the moment, it was difficult to really take in all that I was experiencing, but, day by day, God is revealing to me how important it is for us to worship Him and pray.

"This trip, in a sense, helped solidify that medicine is the field I want to go into and doing missions trips like this is part of my calling. I knew that God had placed this calling in my heart but now being able to actually do it was a whole different experience. When we saw the last patient, she called me 'doctora'. I realized that the title meant nothing more than just us sitting there, hearing what she was there for. She was being so open with us and sharing what was laying heavy in her heart. That was what really amazed me. I am humbled that people were so willing to share and trust a stranger with their life. I know this could not have been possible without the Holy Spirit and I am thankful to God for this experience. I pray healing has been granted to those we saw."

"Going on this trip has reminded me to continuously give thanks to God for everything and to praise Him at all times. I can't really put into words how amazed I am with God and His love for us all, the power of prayer, and how much we need Him. This trip taught me to continue to pray and worship Christ at all times."



"Truss" In The Lord

By Craig Libby

Although Mexican Medical's theme this year is "All For The Glory of God," it very well could have been "Truss in the Lord," since both La Esperanza and San Vicente had work projects that required hand-building roof trusses.

La Esperanza had kind of a Nehemiah project of constructing a roof that tied in two 50' cement walls to the roofs of two other buildings, none of which were originally constructed to go together. All of these were built at differing heights and angles to one another over the span of 20 years. The goal was to repurpose the area to accommodate the growing number of local youth coming to the youth ministry events.

Just as Nehemiah assigned each family a section of the wall and encouraged them that God was with them, missionaries Buky & Theresa Ventura divided the seemingly daunting project into stages for the summer teams to complete. God testified to His faithfulness in provision while working within His will as each team came with hearts to serve both within their skill set and sometimes stretched beyond their skill set. God used over 200 of His people aged 3 to 80 to design the project, construct, paint, erect the trusses, and complete the roof.

In late July, I had the privilege of reuniting in Alabama with some members of the two teams that Reel Life International sent to work on the project. During the meeting, a picture of the installed trusses was posted to Facebook and all present shed a tear of joy together as we saw the fruit of our labor from just days prior in San Quintín, Mexico. God is faithful to those He has called according to His purposes. We look forward to the final stage as local youth work together to raise funds and provide labor for the cement floor so that they have a sense of ownership of their new youth area.

Missionaries Dave & Lynne Johnson used their summer teams to partner with the local San Vicente church in reconstructing a church building and pastor's home for their church plant in Ojos Negros. The church plant is now open and ministering to the farming families living in Ojos Negros. The project was a perfect picture of partnership with purpose. Once again, the project required all involved to "Truss in the Lord."

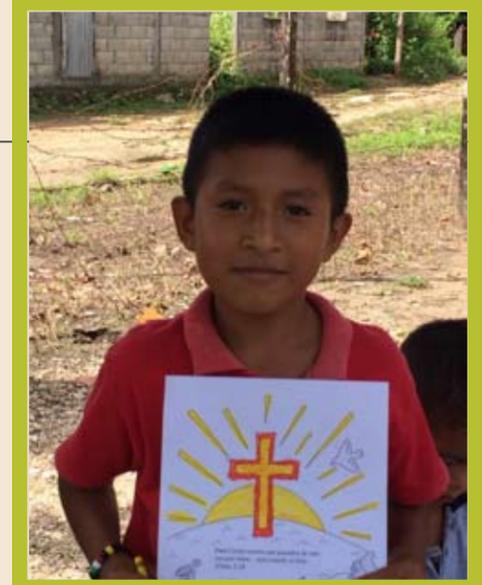
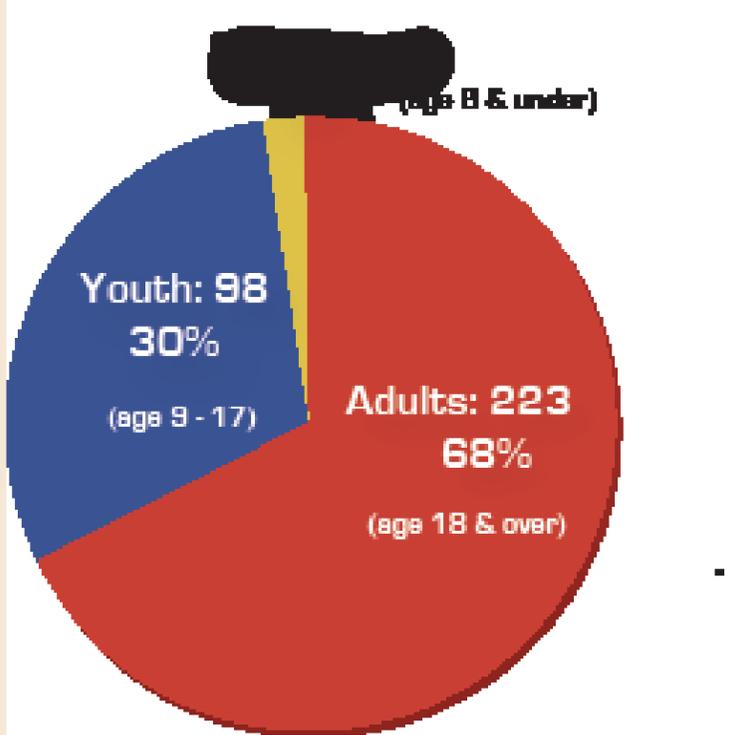


Caravan Annual Report for 2016

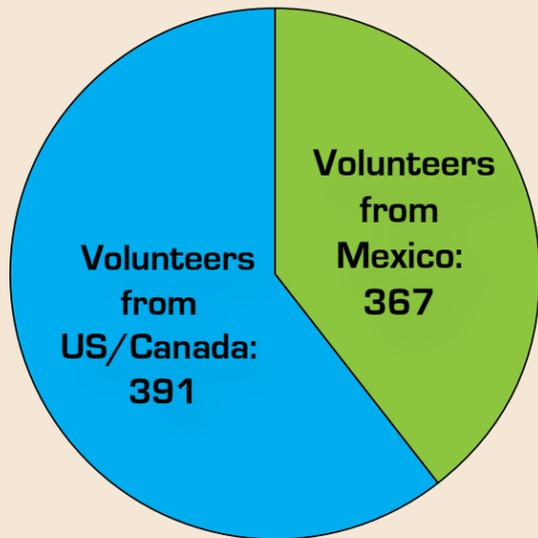
We are pleased to have created service opportunities for 17 teams (consisting of 328 people from 11 denominations and coming from 8 US states) to test their obedience to God by coming to Mexico to share their faith and talents and, in so doing, grow in their own personal relationship with Christ.

-Craig Libby, Caravan Coordinator

Total Caravan Volunteers for 2016: 328



**Medical and Dental Volunteer
Total Team Members: 758**



9,821 Total Services Provided:

- 3,052 *Medical Consultations*
- 2,718 *Eyeglasses Given*
- 923 *Children's Health Fair Attendees*
- 1,929 *Dental Services*
- 542 *Haircuts*
- 289 *Other Miscellaneous Services*
(shoe shine, physical therapy, etc.)
- 361 *Footcare*
- 7 *Surgeries*

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**People prayed to receive Christ at
medical outreaches in 2016.**

Financial Summary 2016

Mexican Medical seeks to honor both God and our financial supporters by faithfully stewarding our resources. Two of the ways that we accomplish this is by distributing 100% of all designated and missionary support funds without subtracting a portion to cover administrative costs and by receiving an annual financial review conducted by a peer-reviewed auditor.

