

MEXICAN MEDICAL MINISTRIES

“BRINGING HEALING AND HOPE
TO THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO”

ANNUAL REPORT 2015



How can we describe 2015? In 2014 we experienced losses, but in 2015 we had many new beginnings. In Loreto, a handful of believers who were accustomed to gathering annually for an Easter service now gather weekly as a congregation: a new church was birthed. One of our missionary couples in the San Quintín Valley welcomed their first child. Wooden churches, blown away by the 2014 hurricane in Cabo San Lucas, are being reconstructed with concrete block. After ten years of serving in the Tijuana brigada ministry, Octavio and María Luisa Peralta have officially joined the family as Mexican Medical missionaries.

Last year over 12,000 services were provided at health fairs, with 1,015 people receiving Christ as their Savior. Teams led by Mexican Medical missionaries held pastor training sessions in three communities in mainland Mexico. State-of-the-art technology was implemented to put sections of Scripture into the hands of people who speak varied indigenous dialects.

At Hospital El Buen Pastor, the airstrip was relicensed for use and nine guest surgical teams made use of the new operating room last year. Outreach teams, based at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Palenque, Chiapas, conducted health fairs in eight different Ch'ol villages. (The Ch'ol people are descendants of the Maya and one of Mexico's over 250 people groups.) Healthcare was given and the Gospel proclaimed to many— at times using three-way translation: from English to Spanish to Ch'ol. All of these events gave us great joy and reasons to praise God.

It has truly been a busy year filled with new beginnings and fresh direction guided by the Holy Spirit. This is only possible because we have so many individuals and churches committed year after year to our support and to prayer. We look forward to experiencing what God is going to do in 2016!



President Steve Crews during an outreach team in Chiapas

**SING TO THE LORD A NEW
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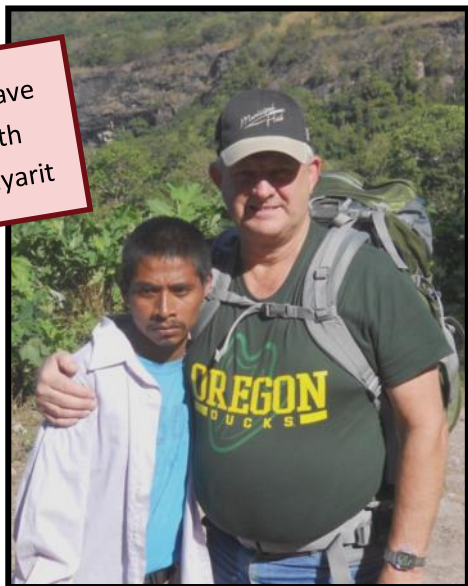
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PSALM 98:1-2

Steve

SERVING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Although Mexican Medical missionaries minister in different areas and in very different ways, on occasion, they get to join together and use their skills to serve as one body. This past year, a young man named Juanito benefited greatly from the hands of Mexican Medical working together.

Missionary Dave Johnson with Juanito in Nayarit

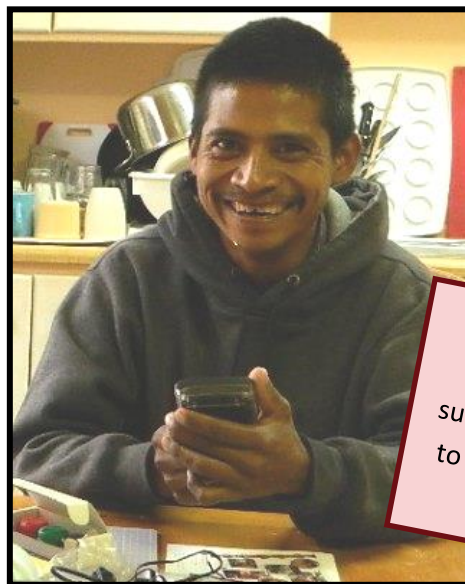


In October 2014, missionary Dave Johnson traveled with men from his church in San Vicente on a mission trip to the state of Nayarit. The group visited a remote, Huichol-speaking village that took several hours to reach on foot or riding a burro. While in this village, the group met Juanito, who was tongue-tied. The men felt compassion for Juanito and asked Dave if there was something Mexican Medical could do to help him. Yes, there certainly was.

By January 30, 2015, Juanito was at Hospital El Buen Pastor in San Quintín (1,500 miles away from his home) awaiting surgery. A small group of surgeons, who were volunteering at the hospital with Mexican Medical, worked to successfully loosen Juanito's tongue tie.

Theresa Lewis (La Esperanza) recounts more of Juanito's visit: "While Juanito was in San Quintín, Dave took him to see Allan Lee, who gave him an audio Bible with the three languages that Juanito understands: Spanish and two indigenous dialects. Since Juanito comes from an isolated village, he is not familiar with how to use a lot of technology. So, I had the chance to teach Juanito how to use his new audio Bible. Not only did I teach him how to navigate through his new Bibles, but I even had to teach him how to press the buttons. He seemed to pick it up pretty fast though, because by the next morning he was at the breakfast table listening to his audio Bible. Our prayer is that God would use Juanito and his audio Bible to spread the Gospel in his area in Nayarit."

After the surgery, members of the church in San Vicente welcomed Juanito into their homes for several months. They lovingly took time to tutor Juanito in speech and reading, skills he had not used before. What a blessing for Mexican Medical to be a part of this young man's life!



Juanito, in San Quintín post-surgery, learning to use his audio Bible

SO SHALL MY WORD BE THAT
GOES FORTH FROM MY
MOUTH;
IT SHALL NOT RETURN TO ME
VOID, BUT IT SHALL
ACCOMPLISH WHAT I PLEASE,
AND IT SHALL PROSPER IN THE
THING FOR WHICH I SENT IT.

—
ISAIAH 55:11



A Copala Triqui woman, in traditional dress, who lives in the San Quintín Valley. She is part of a people group reached through the work of missionary Allan Lee and his ministry partners.

The ministry to which God has called me involves a complex web of partnerships. One of those specific partners is a Triqui lady named María. I got a call from her a little over two years ago when she was living in Indiana. (She had previously lived in the Albany, New York, area and I think she got my phone number off a Triqui CD she had been given by an American Christian lady to whom I occasionally send resources.)

We initially shipped María a box of 22 Triqui CDs and DVDs for her to use and share with others. Some of them she distributed locally and others she re-mailed. Later in 2013, she called us from Aberdeen, Washington, and we sent her a larger box of resources. She is now in Greenfield, California, where some 3,000+ Triquis are living— the biggest concentration in the U.S. We have already sent her around 640 CDs and DVDs, which she carefully distributes.

But that isn't all. María also ministers over the phone to relatives, and relatives of friends, in the U.S. and Mexico. She often calls Miguel (my Triqui co-worker) with prayer requests, and with the names of people she would like us to mail resources to, and of people she has called that she would like us to visit here in the San Quintín area. We have mailed packages of Triqui resources to different parts of Mexico at her request, and Miguel is now in phone contact with the recipients.

We have been visiting four contacts here in our area that she referred us to. One man, who appeared to be a lost cause due to drugs and alcohol, had a radical turnaround over a period of months after viewing the Triqui videos and listening to Triqui Scriptures on an Audible player. Two of the other contacts have turned out to be extended family networks, all of which we have blessed with Triqui Scripture resources. The other family will soon be hand carrying Triqui Scripture resources to Tepozotlán, State of Mexico, where there is a group of 200+ Triquis that we had not previously known about.

What a blessing to be in partnership with someone like María in the spreading of God's life-transforming Word among the Triquis. Please pray for her— for continued fruitful ministry, improved health (she suffers from an incurable disease), and protection from some who are beginning to oppose what she is doing.

HURRICANE RELIEF

CABO SAN LUCAS

Relief teams traveled to Baja California Sur six times this year, providing practical assistance to communities affected by Hurricane Odile (which hit in September 2014). Teams served with Dr. Álvaro and Soledad Ávila to provide medical care, support local churches with children's feeding programs and food staples for needy families, and participate in a variety of construction projects.



MAKING AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

BY DON & LORRAINE KARSGAARD, LORETO

Many people in the areas where we minister have come to disregard God, because of what they have seen or heard from both Christians and non-Christians. But we are here showing them the love of Jesus, and sharing with them the message of salvation—and people are responding positively!

Before a health fair, we go to the church in which we are holding the event, and preach about the need to not only believe in Jesus, but to also live for

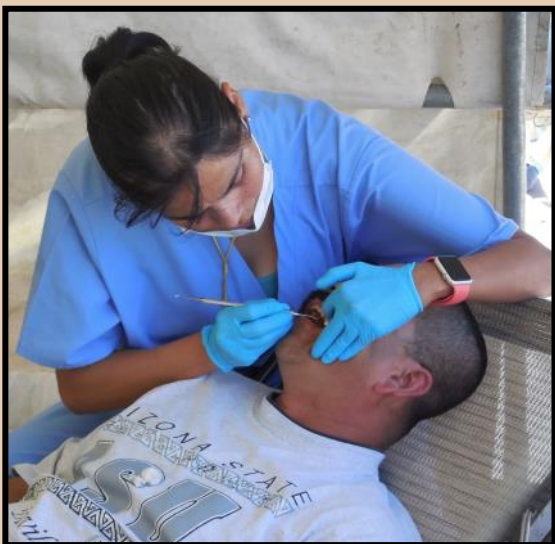
Him! We must no longer be living for our own selfish desires, but rather living for the Kingdom of God. In II Corinthians 5:17-20 it says we are to be “ambassadors for Christ.” In other words, we must be living our lives in a way that attracts people to the Kingdom of God, and we must be explaining to them how they too can become part of the Kingdom of God. This is our calling and it's our responsibility!

We then explain to the congregation that a health fair, therefore, is to help them as they try to live out their calling. As they build relationships with their family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers, and these people see their changed lives, they will be open to the Gospel. When these people are invited to the health fairs, they experience the love of Jesus and are open to receiving the message of salvation. As the church members start living in this way, we see more people being brought to Christ.

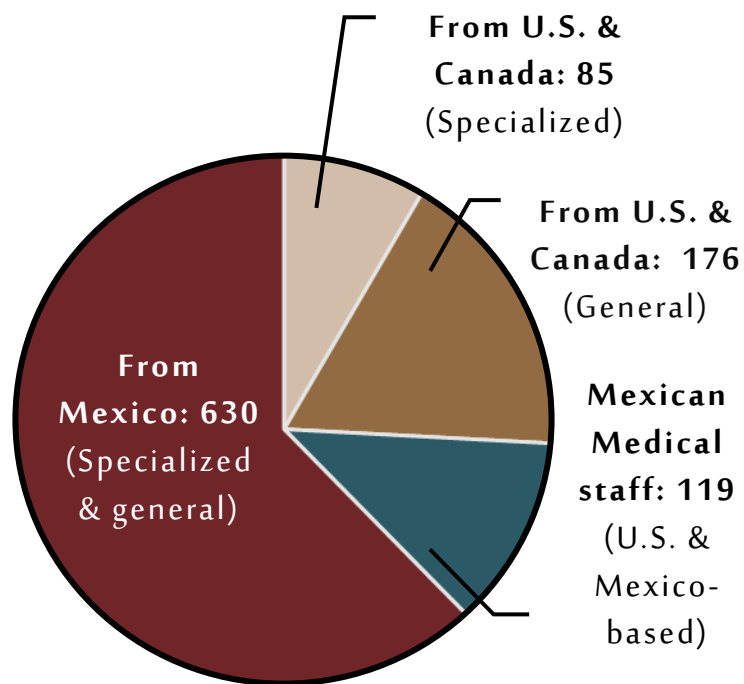


Loreto outreaches are often held in churches so that visitors might feel comfortable returning to the church later.

MEDICAL & DENTAL TEAMS



Medical & Dental Volunteers



Total Volunteers: 1,010

12,223	Total Services Provided:
3,748	Medical Consultations
3,356	Eyeglasses Given
2,530	Children's Health Fair Attendees
1,098	Dental Services
582	Haircuts
563	Other Miscellaneous Services
328	Footcare
18	Surgeries

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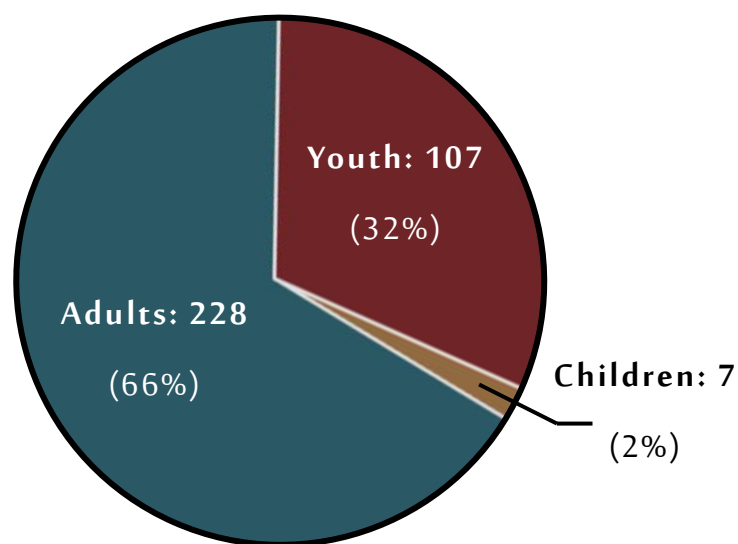
People prayed to receive Christ at medical outreaches in 2015.

CARAVAN TEAMS

We are pleased to have created service opportunities for 24 caravan teams (consisting of 342 people from 10 denominations and coming from 10 U.S. states and one Canadian province) to step out in obedience to God by coming to Mexico to share their faith and talents and, in so doing, advance their own personal relationship with Christ.

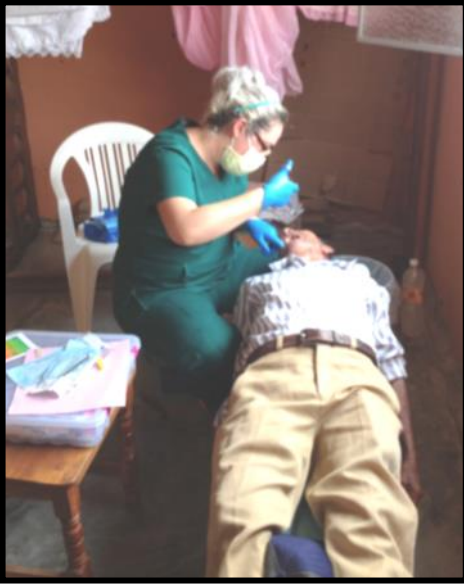
—Craig Libby, Caravan Coordinator

Caravan Volunteers



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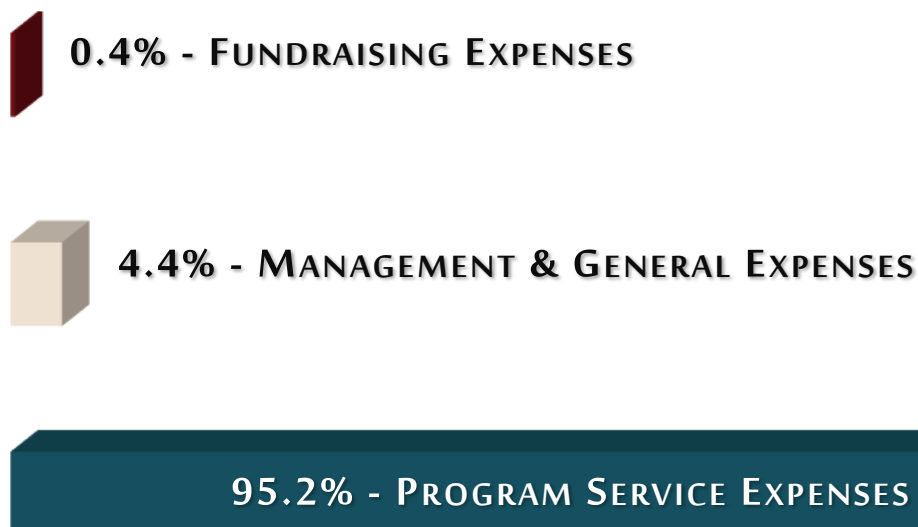
Missionary dentist Bonnie Barajas provides much-needed dental services in Palenque.

At the end of the final day serving on the Palenque outreach team, there was a young lady who had waited a very long time to be seen. When I looked into her mouth, I realized it was a wisdom tooth that was bothering her. I explained that there was no possible way for me to pull her tooth without x-rays, since I could not see how the roots were growing. She began begging me to pull it because she had been in pain for a long time and did not have the money to see another dentist.

I knew I could not pull the tooth, but her voice was desperate, so I told her I would try. I warned her, however, that if the tooth cracked, she would have to go to an oral surgeon to have it pulled. Then I prayed, "Lord, I can't do this, please help me." I put the instrument in her mouth and barely touched her gum. The tooth popped out in front of my eyes! There was no possible way that I could have pulled that wisdom tooth out whole in my own strength, but not one root was cracked or broken. Praise God for His miraculous works!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Mexican Medical seeks to honor both God and our financial supporters by faithfully stewarding our resources. This is particularly accomplished by distributing 100% of all designated and missionary-support funds without subtracting a portion to cover administrative costs and by receiving an annual audit conducted by a peer-reviewed auditor. (Graph reflects 2014 data, as 2015 data is pending audit.)



HELP US BRING HEALING & HOPE!

The ministry of Mexican Medical would not be possible without those who faithfully serve, give, and pray. Would you consider partnering with us in one of these ways?

SERVE:

If you would like to take a team to Mexico or join a scheduled trip, we have opportunities available for both medical and non-medical volunteers. For applications, costs, and other info, go to mexicanmedical.com (from the "Get Involved" drop-down menu, choose "Bring a Team" or "Join a Team") or call (619) 463-4777.

GIVE:

We are supported through the generous gifts of individuals, organizations, and churches that feel led to contribute to the work the Lord is doing through this ministry. We are so grateful to God for His provision through these ministry partners. We are able to receive donations (tax-deductible) by mail, via credit card or PayPal on our website, and through automatic monthly checking account debits. (Please contact our office for a sign-up form).

PRAY:

The ministry of Mexican Medical depends on God, who answers prayer. Please pray for Him to open the hearts of those we serve, provide resources so that we may both continue and expand our ministries, and raise up more people on both sides of the border who are willing to help offer His healing and hope to the people of Mexico.

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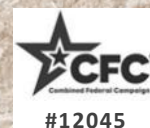
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