



2017 Annual Report



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Since 1962*

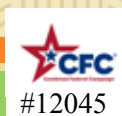
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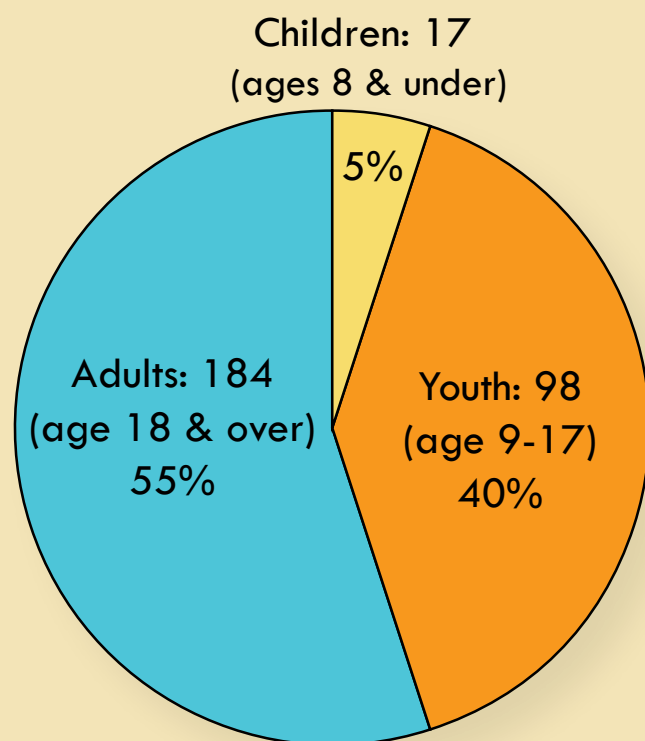
We praise God for the 335 people who came on the 15 teams that served on mission trips with us in 2017. We are receiving reports from our caravan leaders of significant and sustained spiritual growth back home from those who served on a team with us this past year. We have observed that God is honoring the faith that it takes now to go to Mexico and blessing those who step out in faith to come and serve.

The 2017 caravan teams served diligently towards our theme of "Merciful Love - Nothing More - Nothing Less." Their ministries addressed immediate community health needs as well as provided education needed for a healthier lifestyle, serving as preventative care to hundreds of people this year. They supported local churches in VBS/children's evangelism programs, sports programs, and film ministries resulting in hundreds of adults receiving Jesus and giving over 3,000 children the opportunity to hear the Good News of salvation. Many churches in Mexico report sustained growth in their congregations due to the efforts of our caravan teams.

We received the following evaluation response from a caravan participant this summer: "This was one of the most impactful events for my family. Each family member has grown in their love for God and love for others by serving with Mexican Medical Ministries."

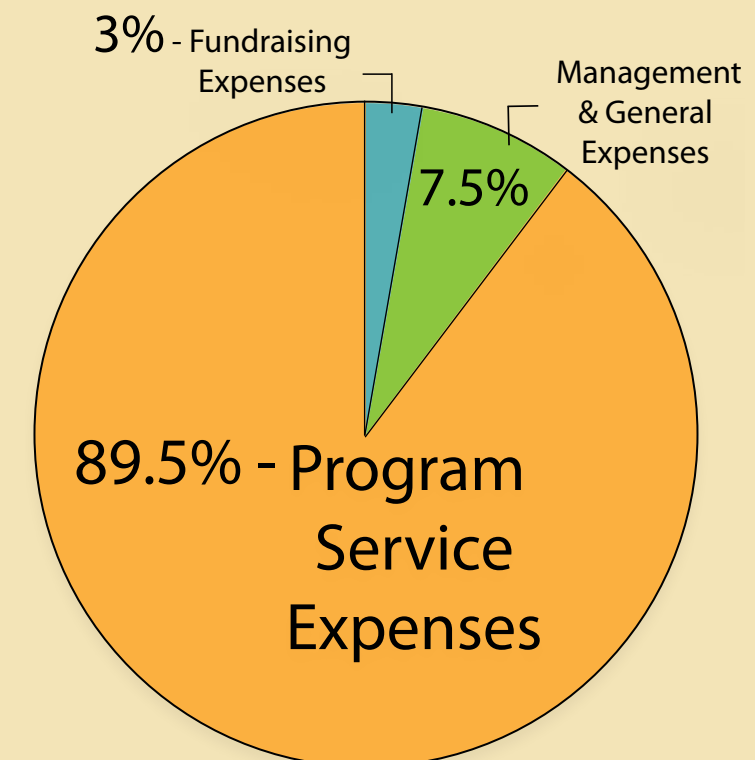
—Craig Libby, Caravan Coordinator

Total Caravan Volunteers for 2017: 335



Financial Summary 2017

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.



Advancing the Gospel through Love



This year has been very turbulent worldwide, and in Mexico was no exception. Mexico faced many problems nationally and it did have some impact on Mexican Medical. In response to certain issues, the Mexican government raised the building code standards for all public buildings. In light of that, we raised three-quarters of the funds needed to renovate Hospital El Buen Pastor in San Quintín. Construction started in the early summer and is ongoing. The operating rooms have remained open during the project; in 2017, 552 Surgeries were performed.

The need for health fairs continues to grow, and, in response, more teams have been formed. We are happy to report that these events continue to make a deep spiritual impact on communities. When given the opportunity to have team members pray for individuals, hundreds of folks are grateful for the spiritual care. Through this ministry, well over 1,800 people gave their lives to Christ in 2017.

The Karsgaards, our missionaries based in Loreto, have shifted from community health fairs to providing medical and dental care in two different prisons. Their teams minister in the prisons in La Paz and Santa Rosalía. Because of the healthcare, Don is also able to share the gospel and Bibles at both locations.

Missionary Gary Sheveland branched out from southern Baja to mainland Mexico, conducting seminary-level classes for pastors. In every location where he has worked, pastors from multiple denominations have gathered, all hungry for ongoing training in different aspects of ministry leadership. On some occasions, Gary has also been assisted by Mexican Medical missionary Vince Trujillo, from the Tecate Bible Institute.



















Our base in Palenque continues to function as a clinic for general medicine and also as a facility for monthly eye surgery clinics. Pastor Diego and his whole family, including grandchildren, remain faithful in their daily testimony and minister through health fairs throughout the region.

From the border in Tijuana to the tip of the Baja peninsula in Cabo San Lucas, teams have joined our national missionaries in conducting health fairs. We see enormous turn-outs every other month in Tijuana and almost weekly in southern Baja, thanks to the faithful leadership of the Peralta and Ávila families.

We thank all of our generous partners for supplying the seed so we could plant and harvest for the glory of God.

-Pastor Steve Crews, President

Your 2017 Accomplishments

Dental Consultations	Medical Consultations	Surgeries Performed
1269	9848	499
  With US and Mexico volunteers	  With US and Mexico volunteers	  With US and Mexico volunteers
Haircuts	Decisions for Christ	Footcare Consultations
626	1925	444
  With US and Mexico volunteers	  With US and Mexico volunteers	  With US and Mexico volunteers
Reading Glasses	Children's Health Fair Education	Hearing Aids
2792	2236	27
  With US and Mexico volunteers	  With US and Mexico volunteers	  With US and Mexico volunteers

Healing and Hope through Healthcare

The top goal for medical teams for 2017 was that 2,000 people would pray to receive Christ as their Savior. We can treat the physical symptoms that they come to us with, but if they leave without knowing who Christ is and what He has done for us, then we have accomplished nothing for eternity.

With that in mind it is our goal at every event where medical care is offered that the Gospel be presented, one-on-one, by a local national believer. While we don't know that we reached the goal of 2,000, we came very close with 1,935 people at our medical events confessing Jesus as their Savior for the first time.

Mexican Medical continues to blend together national (Mexican) and international (American and Canadian) volunteers to serve together on teams that offer basic healthcare in community settings. The need for health education is evident with diabetes being the number one killer in Mexico according to the World Health Organization. Teams offer blood sugar testing, blood pressure checks and nutrition, diabetes or high blood pressure education at most events. The goal is to love people; the method is through health care screenings, education, and consultations. The result is that people feel loved and want to know the Jesus that we serve. Nationals are encouraged to reach out and love their neighbors and their communities.

Mexican Medical Ministries started 55 years ago in much this same way. It expanded over the years to include several hospitals and now has come back to its roots of community health. We are excited to continue partnering with Hospital El Buen Pastor in San Quintín, where Mexican Medical started. The hospital continues to serve the poor of that area and offer quality healthcare. Surgical teams from our organization (these are the surgery numbers reflected in the report) and others visit regularly offering free surgical care. The hospital is administrated and staffed completely by Mexican nationals. Who recorded 552 surgeries in 2017.

We praise God for how He brought together medical and non-medical people from different countries to serve together through medicine so that they could bring healing and hope to Mexico.

—Kristi Libby, Medical Services Coordinator



The Power of Connectivity

We are truly grateful to have had 1,341 Mexican, American, and Canadian volunteers serve alongside our missionaries this year. Naturally, all 1,341 individuals were each created with a unique set of physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual interests. It's truly humbling to recognize that God purposefully directed these 1,341 individuals through a process of aligning each of their worldviews and values towards the behavior, or act of, serving with us this year in Mexico. We continue to be amazed how God brings together just the right number of people with the right skill sets needed on each team in order to fulfill His purposes.

Most often our volunteers use their skills in a manner they anticipated, such as a volunteer surgeon coming down to do surgery or a carpenter doing construction. But sometimes, God uses our volunteers in ways they could never have anticipated or expected, such as finding themselves quietly sharing encouraging words to a new friend in Mexico who is currently struggling with a unique life situation that he/she had similarly struggled with. Sometimes it's a personal struggle that no one on the team knew about, but God knew and created a divine appointment as an act of love and encouragement. It's in those unscheduled moments and encounters that we see God most at work and we are in awe of it.

As we continue to fulfill our purpose of bringing healing and hope to Mexico by meeting the combined medical, physical and spiritual needs of those before us, we want to thank you, our partners in ministry, for praying, providing and serving. We are truly honored to report that through our actions of simply loving God and loving others 1,935 people came forward to personally submit their lives to Jesus as their Savior this year in our little corner of His Kingdom.

—Craig Libby, Caravan Coordinator

