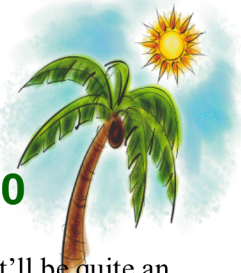




Health Fairs in and around Loreto, B.C.S.

Bringing more than physical blessings...

REPORTING TO YOU ABOUT OUR WEEKENDER TEAM – February 26-March 1, 2020



We had another wonderful time in the Prison in La Paz last week, with 9 Christians joining the Team from La Paz—which included 3 dentists, 1 doctor, 1 nurse, 2 Pastors, and 2 general helpers. We also had 8 Christian inmates helping us as well. So including Don and Lorraine, we had 19 people on our Team this time.

It really has been wonderful to have inmates helping us with our Health Fairs in the prison these past few times. They've taken people's height and weight, blood pressure and blood sugar readings. Don has taught some of them how to determine which glasses people need for reading and distance, and given them an easy way to open up a conversation on how to share the Gospel with their fellow inmates. And we always have one of the Christian inmates at our Bible table, to give each person as they leave a few tracts and a New Testament or Bible.

So our Health Fairs have become much more than just the benefit of bringing physical blessings to the inmates, and more than introducing people to the message of salvation—these are the first two steps in winning people for Christ. Following and between each Health Fair there are Bible studies conducted for new believers. And Moises (one of the men on our Team who lives in La Paz), is in the Prison every Thursday, Friday and Saturday sharing the love of Jesus with people. Then when our Health Fairs return he organizes these growing Christians to work on our Team—helping them to understand that **'just knowing'** Christ is not enough — if He is **'Lord'** then we must be **'serving'**...

This time when we were in the Prison we learned that several of those inmates who've received Christ and served on our Teams will be being released from Prison over the next few weeks—we were saddened to hear that they'd not be there in May when we return to the Prison with our Health Fairs, but at the same time we were sharing in their joy regarding their soon release. (Rodolfo, who is now 40 years old, is one of those to be let out of prison soon—he's

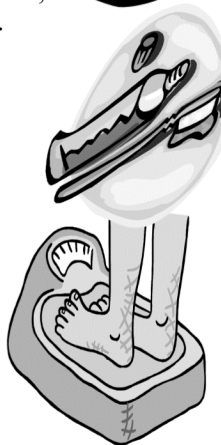
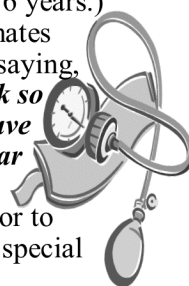
been in the La Paz Prison for 20 years—so it'll be quite an adjustment for him. Please keep him in your prayers.)

At the same time others enter the prison system and the cycle starts all over again for other men—one such young man who has just become a Christian we learned will be spending his next 35 years (*yes... thirty-five years*) in the La Paz Prison.

One of the unexpected things that happened this time was that Don became sick on the second day so he stayed in the hotel and did not come to the prison. (This was the only day that Don has been unable to attend one of the Health Fair days in 16 years.) When Don returned the next day, one of the inmates on the Team came up to Don to encourage him saying, **"God has his reasons, but I think you were sick so I could hear the message that Pastor Misael gave to us in your absence—because I needed to hear what he had to say..."**

It really warms the soul when inmates endeavor to rescue those who are not imprisoned, with their special words of encouragement...

So Don being away on Friday asked the Team at lunch on Saturday, how many people had received Christ during the Health Fairs, or could someone share a story of one particular interesting salvation. Before anyone else, Luis (one of the inmates) started sharing from his point of view that the greatest miracle is that the Lord had saved Him (not recently), but still from a very rough life, and while in the La Paz Prison he has come to know Christ. Then he went on to share how us bringing our Health Fairs into the La Paz Prison has been such a great help to so many inmates (men and women) who have come to know Christ as their Savior and learned they too can have a meaningful life serving the Lord by sharing Him with others, as they have been able to do in our Health Fairs.



STATISTICS FOR 4 HEALTH FAIRS

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, February 27, 28, 29, 2020

Location: The Prison in La Paz - about a 5 hour drive south of Loreto...

Statistics: Total in attendance 110

People treated:

• Glucosa...	110
• Dentists...	40
• Doctors...	26
• Glasses...	89
• Prayed to receive Christ...	several...
• Others counseled/prayed for...	many...



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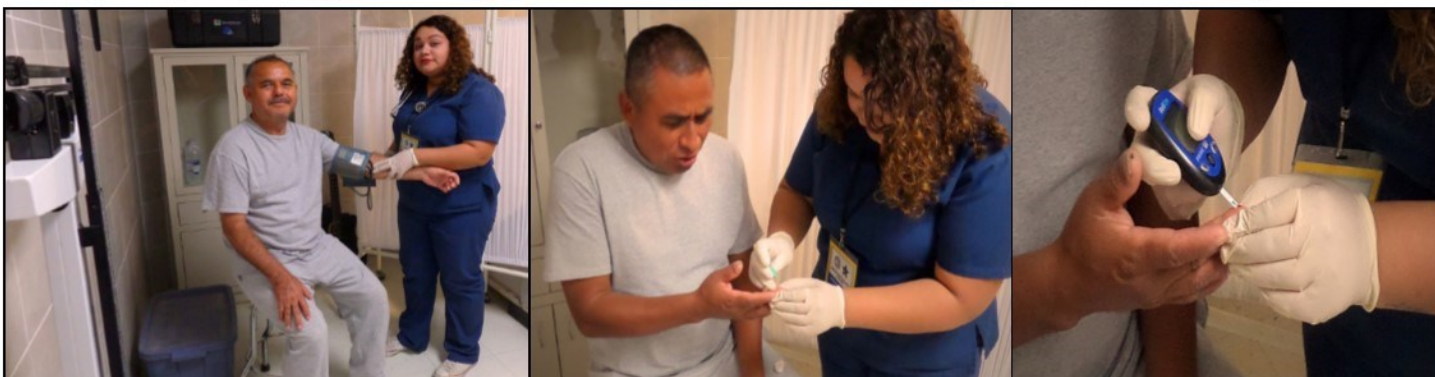
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We begin with praise, worship and a message from the Word. Then the inmates are brought to Lorraine for her to register each one...

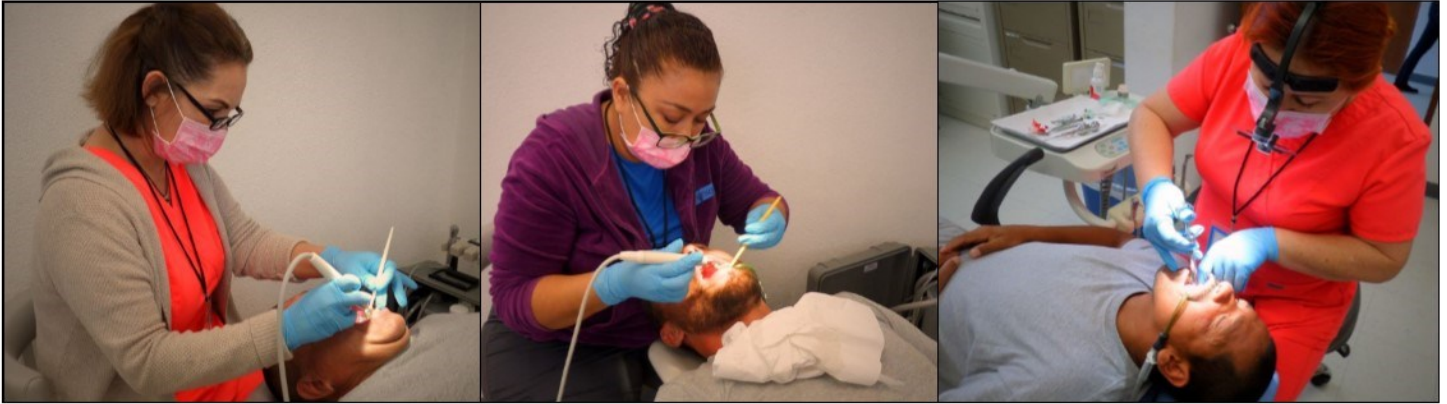


Lizette, the nurse on our Team, records each person's blood pressure and blood sugar readings, and their height and weight...



Dr. Ricardo Collado consults with each person who has a medical concern, and he then diagnosis their situation — after which he gives them instructions with regard to their *“body, soul and spirit...”* — addressing their physical, their emotional, and their spiritual needs... If medicine is required, then the appropriate instructions are given to the prison staff and that is dispensed from the prison pharmacy just down the hall from where the Health Fair is...

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Gloria, Berenice and Yxchel work hard all day filling cavities, cleaning teeth, and when necessary, pulling teeth as well...



One man explains his problem to Patti..., he views the eye chart..., he is given glasses..., and reads John 3:16 with excitement...



Moises gives flip-flops to everyone coming through—a great donation from New Hope Church...

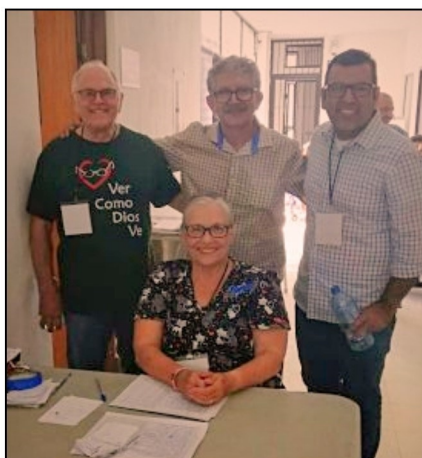


As each person leaves our Health Fair they are given tracts and Bibles by Eljio... Eljio accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord in the prison and has grown a lot in the Lord. Please pray for Eljio as he has recently been appointed by the Pastors in La Paz to be one of the '*pastors among the inmates*'— so he is now to be respected by the other inmates as someone they can go to for Godly counsel.

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It was Patti's birthday, so Yxchel brought a very special cake into the Prison for all of the Team to share together...



Our Team leaders: (left)
Don Karsgaard, Moises Camacho,
Pastor Misael Corpus, and
Lorraine Karsgaard.

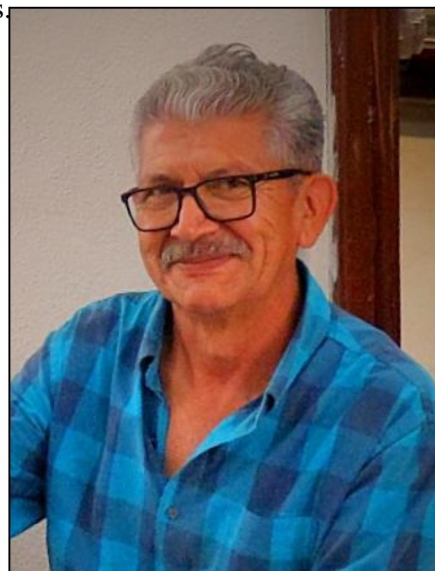
Missing from this photo is
Dentista Yxchel Clavel
(she was busy serving an inmate)



Moises (above right) is always acting as a 'big brother' to everyone in the prison—the inmates, guards and staff—he is loved by everyone, and that is because he loves everyone and they know he enjoys spending time with them. As a result people listen to him, as he continues to share Christ with them each week, as he has done for many years. Please keep Moises in your prayers.

Rodolfo (left), after 20 years in the prison will be leaving soon. He is such a nice person! His life has been totally changed...

Pray for Rodolfo and the others who'll be released soon. They'll face many challenges but as Don shared from John 8:31-32 '**real freedom**' can only be theirs when they maintain adherence to the teachings of Jesus Christ, and keep Him as the Lord and Master of their lives.



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!