

Back to La Purisima

It was three years ago that we first joined a team from Mexican Medical Ministries (MMM) to serve in a little remote village called La Purisima, about seven hours north of Cabo San Lucas. At that time, we didn't fully understand the change that God was going to bring about in our lives - that of serving with MMM full time.

Last month we were able to go back to this same small village as part of a team that included two dentists, one doctor, one nurse, and four pastors. We experienced three full days of children's ministry, dental and medical consults and a fourth day of medical consults only, along with home visits and follow-up care. In total, we helped provide close to 240 services, which along with dental and medical, included reading glasses, vital signs, wound care, counseling, and foot care.



Everyone that came by to see us was invited to come back for the church service on Sunday afternoon. The church was full. The gospel message was presented and an invitation to accept Christ as Savior was given; however, not a single person responded during the service. We prayed that seeds of faith had been planted in those who heard the message.



Missionary dentist, Bonnie Barajas, had invited another dentist friend to join us on this trip. For this story, we will call her friend Dra. Lee. On the trip home, Dra. Lee, who is not a believer, asked, "What does accepting Christ mean?" She had been waiting for someone at the church to respond to the invitation, but no one had gone forward. Dra. Lee was still curious and wanted to know more. Those in the car were able to share with her about what it means to accept Christ as Savior and become a Christ follower.

We had thought the invitation would be for someone in the community, but God had other plans. A seed of faith had been planted amongst our own team! Bonnie and her family are still following up with Dra. Lee. We pray that as she seeks to know more, she would open her heart fully to the message of God's love, forgiveness, and redemption.

We praise God for the opportunity to have been back in La Purisima again this year, to be an encouragement to the pastor and the church in that community. We also thank God for each of you. You have been a big part in what God has done in our lives these last three years.



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*"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.
 Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you
 with joy, for you have been my partners in
 spreading the Good News about Christ from the
 time you first heard it until now."
 (Philippians 1:3-5)*

