

Mexico Team Report 2007

Monday 10/9/07 Devotions and Worship. Out reach to Maria & Emelia's neighborhood. Complete with Drawing instructions for Mickey Mouse (Miguel Raton), balloons, airplanes, music, dinner (Marians Beef and Rice and Chili), family photos, printed and given to each family) ending with the Jesus Movie. Lives have been changed.

Tuesday 10/10/07 Devotions and Worship. We deliver the donated kitchen cabinets to Missionary Karen Wind. Visit to Lucia, who is paralyzed from Arthritis. We delivered Ensure type liquid Nutritional Supplement and listened to the stories of the night she laid in bed so thirsty and could not lift her hands to give herself and drink. We prayed for her and she will soon move to a warmer climate, hoping her pain will decrease. Lunch was local fish tacos, then we traveled 2 hours down the "washboard road " to the Fishing Village, enjoying the church that Cornerstone built in 2003. Youngsters Breanna and Abby once again, gave drawing lessons of Miguel Raton and Nemo, balloons, donated Frito chips, animated Bible Story of David and Goliath, Music, Fishing, Piñata, dinner (Ninna's tamales and Marian's Shepherds Pie), Jesus Movie, and donated soccer balls given to each family.

Wednesday 10/11/07 Devotions and Worship. We begin our day with home made biscuits and Gravy by Warren and Kathy. Then we load up for the day care center and deliver all the crafts, food, room air conditioner, and other needed things. We play with the children, but are disappointed we don't have enough time for out reach. We have been invited for a lunch at Emelia's. We enjoy being at the house built by Cornerstone Team in 2006. Emelia shares with us the little food that she has. But as we leave, we are able to bless her with frozen prepared tamales, rice, donated canned peaches, and leave her a little money to help with their trip to Ensenada for their son's eye surgery. But we are late, it is time to prepare for the Outreach at Padre Kino. We have been told how poor this area is, but we have no idea what poor is. They live 6 to 10 people in room sized apartments with no doors. Their shower is standing in the center area pouring ladles of water over the top of themselves. The children have no clothes on, because they have no clothes. Kathy and Susie quickly return to the Mission to gather up some of the donated clothing to dress the children. All these Triqui people own, is on their backs. They walk from place to place, moving their families, following the harvest. There are smiles as we give them balloons, teach them how to draw "Miguel Raton", sing, give them family photos, give them brand new donated socks, feed them wonderful home made chili and tamales and donated peaches. We end the evening with the Jesus Movie and lives are changed.

Thursday 10/12/07 Devotions and Worship. We prepare the remainder of all the donated items for distribution. There seems to be no end to the donated items to be given away. Each time someone else enters the mission there is plenty to choose from. We return to the Day Care Center for Music and Puppet Out Reach. We are able to

visit the La Paloma Children & Women's Home behind the Mansanto Missionary Family. They come to the Mission and with smiles and laughter, find many things still to choose from. 4 of our team members have been fishing since 4:00 Am and return with their "catch". We are excited to go to the beach for grilled fish, grilled "hobo meals" and worship by the camp fire and under the stars. We return to Vicente Guerra in time to visit the Triqui Family and deliver water, chips, yarn and coat. We can't help but notice the electrical in her house is unfinished, with wire hanging throughout the house. Already the plans are begin formed to return and wire her house for safe use.

Friday 10/13/07 Devotion, Worship and Breakfast at Gaston's on the Beach. We are joined by the Baja Missionaries that we have been able to serve along side. There are tears in our eyes as we know this is Goodbye, but are excited to be returning home. What a very successful trip we have had serving the Baja area. We return to the Mission pump gasoline from our 5th Wheel Toy Hauler fuel Storage Tank. We are able to provide fuel to the Baja Missionary vehicles and generators.

As we journey home, we pass the Militia Check point. We are now just hours away from the border and back to California. Like always, we stop at the Hotel Corona for dinner and share our favorites experiences, having no idea that outside thieves are stealing the pastor's red Dodge Ram pick up truck (which he has borrowed from his son Michael). Gone is everyone's luggage, tents, money, sleeping bags, cameras, and personal belongings. We are unable to file the police report without the license number and after a \$22 phone call find out that not even Michael knows the license number. But we do find the license number by viewing all the pictures which have been downloaded to our lap top. Fighting the language barrier and insurance issues, we are forced to drive off, leaving Pastor Ron and Pam standing there, with no money, no luggage, no vehicle, no interpreter. It is a tearful separation. Then we are forced to leave Ron and Susie and their two granddaughters in San Diego so they will be able to solve the insurance issues. But the rest of us are on our way home. We have decided to drive straight through, unable to camp as planned in San Diego, because all the camping supplies and luggage has disappeared with the truck. Jim and Larry will trade off driving. We are tired, but making progress. At 3:30 in the morning Jim begins his drive as Larry sleeps in the 5th Wheel. We look ahead and see the traffic on I 5 completely stopped, just in time to exit the freeway. After 1 & ½ hours of endless driving, trying to find another "open" entrance onto I5, Larry has noticed "why are we next to the Sylmar Power Station?". We are able to switch drivers. We drive via the Palmdale Hwy, downtown Newhall and onto I 5 via Lyons Blvd. 3 & ½ hours later. We are very fortunate. Other drivers are still stranded on the freeway, but we are headed home. Finally arriving very tired, but safe at 4:00 PM Saturday. The Pastor & Pam and Ron and Susie and their two granddaughters, arrive home TUESDAY MORNING AT 7:30 AM.