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Dear friends and family,

Greetings from beautiful Mexico! The last few weeks we have worked with three groups that have come to Mexico to serve. I am touched so deeply with how God - *so tenderly* uses His people to care for all our needs. I have been reading through Isaiah 58 this month and it is amazing to me how God has spoken to my heart regarding both ministry and my personal life... This chapter is an amazing challenge to me personally and I thank God for the promises that go with it!

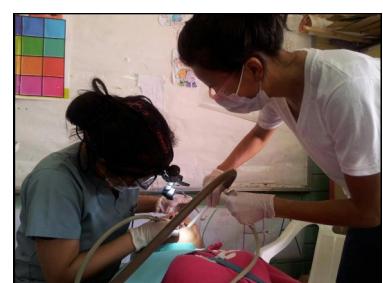
"Share your food with the hungry,
and give shelter to the homeless.
Give clothes to those
who need them,...
Feed the hungry,
and help those in trouble.
Then your light will shine out
from the darkness,
and the darkness around you
will be as bright as noon...
Then you will be known as a
rebuilder of walls
and a restorer of homes..."
Isaiah 58: 7-12



"...[you] give shelter to the
homeless..."

They also held a VBS for the children at two sites – both of which do not get group support. The children's souls were fed both spiritually and emotionally through teaching, playing, loving... In addition, they brought a dental team who traveled to four different sites, seeing between 50 and 70 patients per day. It was an amazing gift.

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"...[you] feed the hungry,
and help those in trouble..."

Golden Gate church from San Francisco came during the week of the 17th through the 22nd of June and built a house – from the foundation up. They hauled the materials and supplies down a very difficult hill and then poured the foundation by hand... they built up a one room home and left it prepped for an add-on for the kitchen. They even did the very hard job of digging a hole for an outhouse. Muscles and love in action!

The following week, two groups came! One group came in from Orange, CA and traveled down to Colonet to continue work on the Casa de Pan building there. They were able to finish off the railing for the stairway – making it safe to go up and down – they built and installed bunk beds, they installed windows and screens! They also ministered to the children through a vacation bible school. Later this month, we will be returning to put

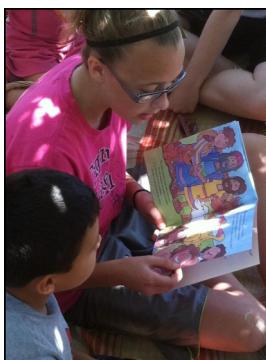
together play equipment and install a shade area, plant trees and minister to the teen girls.



“...[you] give clothes to those who need them...your light will shine out from the darkness...”



The other group came from Wenatchee, WA and served alongside a team of people from our church. They cleaned and organized! They re-roofed and staired a widows' home. They put together and delivered 30 food baskets! They visited the sick at the hospital and gave food to people in the waiting room. They took



ice-cream and went to play with the indigenous children that had had a VBS the week earlier and



then traveled farther east to our rehab center to minister to the men.

“...and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon...”

“You will be known as a rebuilder of walls and a restorer of homes...”

Something that I have reflected on many times this month as I have read this scripture is how not only is this physical, but also spiritual. When we serve we are rebuilding and restoring. The poor and needy have been beaten down by oppression and helplessness as they so often see no way out of their circumstances. God has used the hands of those who have come, to pour honor and dignity upon their lives.



Luis Enrique is a man that has come here to Ensenada from the U.S. His father is a friend of ours and Enrique was deported to Mexico because of a troubled past which included

involvement with drugs and the cartel. God has given him a new beginning. Enrique has recommitted his life to Christ and will be baptized soon. He is going through discipleship and is very involved in the men's group. He has become very dear to us and helped Pablo greatly with projects. He will be starting Bible School in the fall. Please pray for him and for his continued growth and strong foundation in the Lord.

In September, Pablo has been given the opportunity to go on a 2 week missions' trip to India with our sending church, Taft Avenue Community. They will be doing house to house evangelism and discipleship training with the Adavasi people in the villages near Siliguri, a north east city in the Indian state of West Bengal. To be able to go, Pablo needs to raise \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 to cover airfare, the travel visa and vaccination costs.



We have already stepped out in faith, believing that God will provide all that is necessary, each step of the way. He is set to get his vaccinations on the 13th of July and we have already started the ball rolling on his travel visa.

- Please pray that God prepare the hearts of those in the villages they will visit to receive the gospel.
- Please pray that God develop godly men to pastor the new churches that will be formed as people become followers of Jesus Christ.
- Please pray that the new believers follow Christ with their whole hearts and minds, and that their love for God spreads to others in their villages who are lost and dying spiritually.
- Please pray that the team allow God to work through them to clearly present His Good News to those who have never heard it and strengthen the faith of those who have already begun following Him.
- And finally, we invite you both to pray for the funds needed for this trip and, if you feel so led to support this trip; to give. You may send the gifts directly to Link International Ministries or to Taft Avenue Community Church 1350 E. Taft Ave. Orange, CA 92865, adding a note as to what the gift is for: Pablo Garcia – India 2012

Because of our heart for discipleship and also due to the stirring of our hearts for the nations, this opportunity is of no surprise. Over the last several years, Pablo has traveled to Cuba, Chile and now India. The Lord continues to open doors and we are in awe of His care and provision. India is a place of spiritual darkness and we pray that God's light would shine...

And finally, think upon these next words in a spiritual context – thinking of the countries of the world...Mexico—the country of our heart, Cuba, Chile and India:

“...your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon...”

“Then you will be known as a rebuilder of walls and a restorer of homes...”