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Back on the Road Again!

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Finally, after more than a year of not being able to do medical clinic ministries around the world, we are now able to get back on the road again!

Our first "Post Covid" ministry will be to Maneadero, Mexico in early August. Randy Bossom and I made a visit to Maneadero to talk with our host pastor there, Pastor Jorge Moncada in April. You need to read Randy's article detailing what we learned during that visit.

During our visit we learned from the authorities at the small airport in Ensenada, that Mexico is completely open to foreign visitors. They do not require Covid vaccination nor a negative Covid test to enter Mexico via air.

We learned from Pastor Jorge and local Health Department officials that we will be allowed to provide a free medical clinic beginning in September of this year. They asked us only to do the clinic by appointment rather than having it public and open to all so that we can avoid having large crowds gathering. This is a different process than we have used previously but we will work with Pastor Jorge and local authorities to make it work.

I have also been having communications with our other host pastors in Peru, India, and Ethiopia about restarting ministry in those countries.

As I write this article, India is experiencing the worst Covid outbreak of any nation on earth. It will likely be many more months before we can start talking about a return to ministry there.

Ethiopia is another country that is now open to His Healing Hands returning to ministry. However, it will probably be early 2021 before we can do so. The reason is we will shortly be entering their rainy season. Our host there has recommended we wait until the rainy season is over.

Pastor David Gomez, our host pastor in Peru, has been talking to local authorities there about the possibility of doing clinics again down there. They have told him they cannot yet foresee the date when we can do that. They did tell him he could get approval to a do conference or retreat like we are doing in Mexico. This is because they have allowed churches to reopen with a maximum of 50% of their capacity. We are continuing to talk with Pastor David to determine when and what kind of ministry we can plan before the end of the year. We are praying to be able to a ministry there by October of this year.

It is such a blessing to get back into ministry and all the staff here and the volunteer team members can't wait to get back on the road again!

Carl

In the middle of April Carl and I flew down to Ensenada, Mexico. We were met in the parking lot by our host pastor in Mexico, Pastor Jorge Moncada.

Pastor Jorge is a well-known local Pastor in the area who is a wonderful man of God and one whom His Healing Hands has been working with for several years. As we sat in Pastor Jorge's Church, his love for his Church was evident; and he informed us of how difficult it has been for regional Pastors and their Churches over the last 2 years due to Covid-19.

Because of the Covid infections and governmental restrictions, local Pastors have been extremely limited in their ministries to their Church members and have faced much discouragement. Most contact with their Church families must be done through on-line meetings and Churches are only allowed 25% capacity when they do meet in person. Many Pastors have been exposed and gotten sick themselves and they have personally witnessed much suffering in their communities. The local economy is depressed, and many members of their Churches are struggling financially, and this stress is passed on to the Pastors. Pastor Jorge told us that the situation has gotten so serious in Mexico that, unfortunately, many of the Pastors have even decided to leave the ministry. Extra hours in the ministry and rigorous efforts spent trying to stay in contact with Church members has resulted in long workdays for Pastors and this has had an impact on their marriages and families also.

Pastor Jorge passed on this specific list of needs on behalf of the local Pastors:

- *Help them in their relationship with God.
- *Dealing with weaknesses caused by the stresses in ministry.
- *Personal spiritual Dryness.
- *Physical exhaustion.
- *Doubting the goodness of God.
- *How to deal with personal suffering.
- *How to deal with congregational member's suffering.
- *The Pastor's marriage and family.
- *Personal Prayer in difficult times.
- *Parenting issues for Pastors.
- *Support and training for young Pastors.
- *Purchasing (Spanish) Study Bibles for Pastors to study from.



It is in this spiritual context of great need His Healing Hands is attempting to provide relief, love and encouragement to these local Pastors through a very practical means. And through these men of God, we can also reach thousands of Christians in Mexico who also need hope and encouragement in Jesus Christ.

Mexico, Continued

We feel we can help these struggling Pastors by offering a “Pastors & Wives Retreat” which they can attend with their wives, find hope through the seminars, and experience some much-needed physical rest. In early August we are planning to sponsor a retreat where Pastors can re-connect with their wives, receive teachings that are filled with love, hope, encouragement and spiritual refreshment for future ministry. These men are weary in running strong for Jesus and we want to be a source of joy and renewal from God.

When you pray and give for this retreat you are directly involved serving these wonderful men of God in Mexico and their Church members. They benefit specifically and immediately from your prayers, giving, your care and concern.

Paul referred to his fellow servants in Christ as co-laborers and through your assistance and care, you become co-laborers with us so that the Pastors in Mexico can be tangibly blessed by your efforts and support. Paul informed the Corinthians that through their giving and prayers the Jews who received these gifts in Jerusalem on behalf of Christ would give result in much praise and thanksgiving to Christ for His generosity through them (2Cor.9:6-15). Through all of us working as a team, you can be a source of this same great blessing to these brothers and sisters in Christ in Mexico.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to support one or more of these pastors and their wives to attend the retreat.

Maneadero, Mexico Pastor and Wives Retreat Needs

We want to provide a time of refreshment and inspiration for 30-40 pastors and their wives from the Maneadero area. To be as relaxing and fruitful for them as possible we want to get them away from home to a venue in San Quintin, Mexico.

The plan is to bring them in for a 3 day and 2 night retreat and provide their meals and lodgings as well as transportation from Maneadero to San Quintin, about a 3 hour bus ride.

We are bringing Pastor Pepe Selem and his wife Cristina from Peru to be featured speakers. Pastor Pepe is a former “Latin America’s Strongest Man” from the History Channel’s “World’s Strongest Man” competition. Pepe and Cristina are dynamic speakers and will bring some much needed encouragement to these struggling pastors and their wives.

Along with the Selem’s, our own Randy Bossom will also be a featured speaker at the retreat.

While at the retreat we will also provide the couples with free medical and optical exams and any medicines they may need.

We need to raise \$368.00 per couple to bring this ministry to fruition. Will you please consider a donation to get these wonderful men and women of God back on their feet

Join Us in Welcoming Randy Bossom to Our Staff!

We want to take the opportunity to welcome Pastor Randy Bossom to our staff here at His Healing Hands. Randy will be our Director of Leadership Development. You may know that we have used the word “HEAL” to describe our 4 facets of ministry. H – for Health Care, E – for Evangelism, A – for Abiding Relationships and L – for Leadership Development.

Randy’s education and background of pastoring churches and leading numerous Christian Leadership conferences will give His Healing Hands a highly qualified member of our staff to enable us to develop more effective leadership training for the pastors and churches we serve around the world.



Please join us in welcoming Randy to the ministry staff at His Healing Hands!

Save The Date!

We have now scheduled our next Central Coast Celebration Dinner Event!

The event will be on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Sculpterra Winery in Paso Robles, Ca.

Donation for a table of 8 people is \$450.00.

Contact Cheryl for more information.

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