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Mexico Pastor and Wives Retreat

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The idea of doing a retreat for pastors and their wives in northern Mexico sprang from a letter we received from Pastor Jorge Moncada, who is our host pastor in Mexico. An excerpt from that letter follows.

"We have detected great wear and tear on the pastoral body because of the Covid crisis. We have seen a very considerable increase in nervous breakdowns, anxiety, depression, sudden changes of character, marital and ministerial problems in a great number of pastors. I believe that, as we count the damage to the pastoral body, the real problems that pastors have faced during this year of crisis have emerged.

Two very close pastor friends passed to the presence of the Lord because of Covid, 12 pastors in total have passed to the presence of the Lord in Ensenada, 18 in Tijuana, 4 in Tecate, 6 in Mexicali and this only counting the pastors of Baja California.

For this reason, I put to your consideration the great need to carry out a retreat of pastors with the purpose of helping them to heal wounds, strengthen their faith, help them overcome their emotional, spiritual, physical, and psychological crises that some are facing. The vast majority of pastors have mourned at least one member of their church who has gone to the Lord's presence because of Covid, or some other illness but because of the pandemic they have not been allowed to do a memorial service or farewell to the brethren, just one day they were taken to a hospital and no longer seen."

We set a goal of inviting 30 pastors and their wives from the Baja peninsula. We planned to bring them to the Hotel Mission Santa Maria in San Quintin, Mexico for 3 days of refreshing. Pastor Jorge quickly found the 30 couples who wanted to attend, and they were invited. As word got out there were other couples who asked to attend. Two weeks prior to the retreat Pastor Jorge asked if we could afford to invite 15 more couples. Through a generous donation from one of the friends of His Healing Hands, the funds were provided, and we invited all 45 couples.

We invited Pastor Pepe Selem and his wife Cristina to be speakers as well as bringing our own Director of Leadership Development, Pastor Randy Bossom. Thursday thru Saturday morning Pepe, Randy and Cristina shared messages that directly ministered to these couples. There were so many tears of joy!



One pastor and his wife told us they were one of the couples added at the last minute. They said they really did not want to come because they were struggling so much in their lives and ministry, they were thinking of leaving the ministry all together. They shared that their infant grandson had recently died. Their son, the child's father was speaking of suicide and his wife wanted to divorce him. They tearfully shared that after hearing the messages and being surrounded by other pastors who had similar stories they were greatly encouraged to remain in ministry and return to help heal their family and their church.

The entire ministry was blessed by the Holy Spirit!

2021 Tarapoto Peru Medical Mission & Pastor's Retreat

With a shout of Hallelujah we were able to do our first full medical mission since February of 2020!

2020 was to have been the last year of a 5 year commitment to Pastor David Gomez and Esmirna Church in Tarapoto, Peru. Of course that was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and just about every country around the world closing their borders to international visitors.

So it was a great joy to send a relatively small team of 12 people to Tarapoto to join with Esmirna church volunteers to serve the people of Tarapoto with medical, dental, vision and pharmacy care.

The last 2 years before the pandemic we had also added a large evangelistic festival ministry to the mix. The local government asked us not to do that this year with lingering fears of a pandemic resurgence still in their minds. However they did encourage us to do a retreat for pastors and wives if we could find a venue that was outdoors.

While I was in Peru in August meeting with Pastor David to plan our medical ministry and Pastor's retreat, we drove all over Tarapoto looking for a place to do the Retreat that the government official would approve. It seemed every place we visited did not have the kind of facilities we needed. Until we visited a hotel a bit outside the city that had 40 rooms and an outdoor covered pavilion and outdoor banquet facilities. We spoke to the manager and discovered the dates we needed were available. Pastor David called the Health Department representative who immediately came to that place and after inspection he gave us the approval!

The pastors and their wives were all tremendously blessed by the 3 days at the retreat. Each day was filled with great music and fellowship and timely, effective messages from our own Randy Bossom and Jacquelyn Jangaard. I have so many testimonies and expressions of thanks from so many of them. Let me related just a couple.

Pastors Max and Zarita—Esmirna Church

“Hi I am pastor Max. It is a privilege that this marvelous marriage ministry, guided by the power of God, to bless all of us pastors and our wives. It has helped me so much in my ministry! God bless the ministry of His Healing Hands. I hope and pray this is not the last time we can do this kind of ministry in Peru. It has inspired us to bring that kind of ministry to our people.”

“Good evening, my name is Zarita. My husband and I are pastors of another Esmirna church in another city. We thank His Healing Hands to have unified our marriage even more! These past 3 days have been a lot of blessings

For our family, our home and our kids. We will bring these messages, everything we've learned, to our church and we desire that other marriages will be also blessed. May God bless you infinitely, Thank You!"

Pastor Elmar and Bolona—From Junaco

"My name is Bolona from Juanaco. My husband and I traveled 14 hours with a lot of hope in what we would receive at this retreat. We will go back home with so many blessings! This has been a very great experience for us. Thank you to His Healing Hands and Esmirna Church. Thank you and a lot of blessing to you guys."

"My name is Pastor Elmar. I want to give thanks to the Lord for this moment. Thank you for the sacrifice of time and money to make this retreat. It has been a blessing to us. Every great work begins with a first gesture. You have put Jesus in our hearts and we feel as one family with you because of this great blessing you have given to us! Thank you and my God bless you."

Thank you to all who supported this ministry and the medical clinic. Here are a couple of stories from Peru team members.

From Mike Jangaard

First impressions are rarely reliable. We learned this once again through the encounter of a boy named Walter. In fact, Walter became the unsung hero of our group. A little boy whose response to any situation was an exaggerated thumbs up. A little boy with an impish grin who claimed everyday as his birthday. He was charming and at times exasperating, but he was consistently in the eye glass clinic trying to help in his own unique way.

Every morning Walter greeted us. Every morning Walter would ask if he was our friend. Every morning he was reassured that we were glad he was with us. It wasn't until the final day that we truly understood his family dynamics and the reason behind his consistent need for approval.

Walter has three younger siblings, his brother blind since birth. His mother, Margarita supports them by selling beaded bracelets for \$.50. His dad is gone, as well as his older brother. 10-year-old Walter protects his family out of love and devotion.

As we learned of the poverty of Walter's family over our Friday night meal, several team members, without hesitation, contributed money to buy the bracelets that Walter and his family made. Mike and Sharon took a rickshaw to his home. We discovered that this simple act of showing up meant the world to Walter and his family. His screams could be heard through the neighborhood as he clung to Mike in gratitude and love. Serving together in the clinic was just one level of love; stepping into the threshold of one family's life took Christ's love to a much deeper level. We were the ones impacted by Walter's life story. We were the ones truly blessed by a ten-year-old boy named Walter.

From Sevy Chavez

Thank you for the opportunity to go to Peru! What a blessing it was for me to go. I did the eye glass clinic for several days until I trained the Peruvian translators to do the fitting. Then I went to the evangelist room and worked with the spiritual leaders. I personally, led about 200 to our Savior. In small groups 8-20 in a

group one after another I used the Evangelical and led them to Christ in Spanish. Then the church members prayed with the new believers the prayer of salvation. It was a beautiful sight. We'd share the Gospel, and the church took names and addresses to make contact and follow-up with the new believers. They were well organized, and discipleship would follow conversion. The way it was supposed to work.

It was a truly wonderful and blessed way to get back to the work God has called us to. More than 1,100 received medical care with more than 300 receiving Christ as their Lord and Savior! All made possible because you have been faithful to pray for His Healing Hands to continue your generous giving to the ministry even through the challenges of the Pandemic. I pray that you are blessed and encouraged to see so much fruit in your ministry!

Blessings,

Carl Dawson

Christmas In Maneadero, Mexico

His Healing Hands normally ends our year with a medical ministry to India. While the Covid situation in that country is getting better, and they have announced they will allow foreign travelers to visit India beginning this month, there is simply not enough time for us to make the preparations needed to send a team.

So we contacted all of our other ministry partners to see if they might invite His Healing Hands to join them before the end of the year.

Pastor Jorge Moncada in Maneadero, Mexico responded by inviting us to partner with them in their annual Christmas Outreach.

Each year his church provides a Christmas party for very poor migrant farm workers in his town. They have pinatas for the kids and a great Christmas dinner for everyone. They send toys home with the parents so they can give their children a gift or two under the Christmas tree. They also give each family what they call a "Christmas Pantry". This is a box of groceries that will allow them to make a traditional Mexican Christmas dinner for their family.

The church has set a goal of providing the toys and "Christmas Pantries" for 60 families. The cost to provide these for each family is only \$47!

In addition to the Christmas party, the pantries and toys, His Healing Hands will also provide a full medical and dental exam for each member of every family. We will also provide them with any medicine they need and eye glasses they may need.

Imagine providing an entire family a fantastic Christmas celebration for only \$47! On top of that the local church will take the time to share the love and salvation of Jesus with each family member.

Please consider making a donation to His Healing Hands for this Christmas in Maneadero ministry!