

# Mexico Mission Trip Newsletter



Last fall, four women from New Life Community Church went to a Joyce Meyers Women's Conference in St. Louis where we were challenged to "go out and do something." My first question was (being the newest to NLCC) do we have a mission team? I felt God calling me "to do something internationally." I remember telling God I didn't have any experience in this and He told me, "all I ask is that you are willing and I will take care of the rest." So here we are today, back from our first mission trip 8 months later. God has blessed this ministry from the very beginning. It encourages me, because I know I am doing exactly what God has called me to do and that is what this church is all about "building lives of meaning and purpose." I praise God and give Him all the honor and glory for all He has done and all the He continues to do. I would also like to encourage each of you to seek the Lord for the purpose He is calling you to even if you're not sure what it is. Just step out in faith! He will take care of everything else.

Sally Dykema



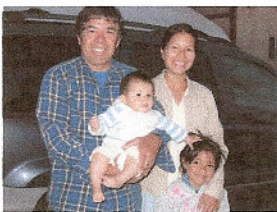
Our 1st team, Shirley Cohea-Myers, Judy Cuperus, Sandra Moore, Nancy Dunn & Sally Dykema

God's hand was on us every step of the way during our first mission trip. The many blessings we received are more than we could have ever imagined. We want to thank you for your prayer support. The Holy Spirit made Himself visible to us in many ways from the flight to and from San Diego, to the border crossings and even the flat tire.

In a city of 3 million people there was poverty as far as the eye could see.



*This is Efren and Rebeca Montes and their children Valentina and Alondra. Efren was our personal guide the entire time we were there. He took us around the area and showed all the different things that Spectrum Ministries does. We had the pleasure of really getting to know Efren. This man is a humble servant.*



*He has been working on building a home for the past 8 years and continues to put it on hold to do ministry. At the present time they were living in a small motor home for a short period until Efren had time to remodel an apartment in Tijuana for his family. We wished we could have stayed longer to help him out. We would love to get another team together to go back and help work on Efren's house. Would any of you consider going back with us to help finish building his house?*



Ministry needs: towels, lice shampoo, socks, shoes, underwear, gently used children's clothing. All donations can be sent to:  
Spectrum Ministries,  
2610 Galveston St.  
San Diego, CA 92110  
ATTN: Efren



Here is the boys orphanage. Many of them greeted us with a hand shake. The boys enjoyed the coloring books and crayons we brought them. They really enjoyed the hats and animals that Shirley made with the balloons. There is more work to be done at this orphanage. The bathroom needs to be finished, it has only dry wall and mud at this point. Are you handy with tools and willing to roll up your sleeves for the kingdom?



On Saturday, typically there are a group of three that prepare breakfast each week for more than 100 children. We were able to participate in preparing and serving breakfast for the children in the "red light" district of Tijuana. As we arrived there the children were lined up on the street waiting for us. Each child was given a name tag, not only to help us learn each name, but it gave the children an identity. If they kept their name tag from the previous week and brought it back they received an extra treat of fruit snacks along with their free breakfast. Every summer for one week they hold a Vacation Bible School right in the street for these kids.



It is so hard to put into words all that we saw and experienced. I believe, we have all been truly changed. We feel as if we have a new extended family. It was awesome as God sent each of these servants to share their testimonies with us, they all came at separate times, almost as if they had a scheduled appointment. This gave us time to process all that we were being told. We got to know each of them individually. We realized that before we could begin our mission work we needed to see the city and country to better understand the culture.

This is part of the Spectrum's Ministry team. So much work to do and the laborers are few. God has called each of us to action, he has called us to "GO." Are you ready to move? Not everyone feels called to travel to the mission field as we did, but that doesn't mean that you can't be involved. One of the biggest ways to support any mission work is through your **PRAYERS**. You can also send any monetary donations to the ministry and they will use it exactly as you ask.



What part will you be playing in missions?

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