



BUCERIAS, MEXICO UPDATE

*“open your eyes and look at the fields!
They are ripe for harvest. -John 4:35*

February 11, 2008

Dear friend of COC,

On Friday, January 18th COC President, Mike Helm and his wife Nancy, along with Betty and I flew to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico to see how our ministry in Bucerias is progressing.

Pastor's Keith and Freddy and their families left the comfort of their homes and jobs at their church in Tepic to move to Bucerias to pastor and lead the new La Fuente satellite church in Bucerias.

The Work Begins!

On Sunday, Betty and I, Rod Ingram (our host), and Pastor Keith visited a new English speaking church near ours in Bucerias. I introduced Keith to Pastor Shawn and I am sure they will be joining forces to work together.

After church, Rod wanted to see the church land. We stood there on the land and saw a real mess with lots of work to do. Trees down, cactus everywhere, trees overgrown and buildings knocked down.

Rod asked Pastor Keith what his plan was and Keith said, *“Clean this lot and get a canopy so we can start having church.”*

Rod immediately offered 5 or 6 of his work crew to come at 8 AM the next morning with a truck and clean it up and put one of the buildings back up with a bathroom, shower and storage. I had brought down \$1,000 USD and they did the job.



The Ministry Has Begun

On January 27, we had our first church service on the land with 50 people. Amazing for a first week!

We have 2 lots side by side, one paid for with \$70,000 USD. COC raised this, and we have about \$20,000 towards the \$65,000 for the 2nd lot.

So, \$45,000 to go and it's all ours. Can you help?

Opportunity to Reach so Many

Then we went to look at the primary school we will go to April 24-28. Like our last trip, it's another school with over 1,000 children. What an awesome opportunity! They all will come to our two days of evangelism.

Pastor Keith has just spent a few days here with us to plan our April 24-28 trip. It was a great meeting with about 20 of my leadership.

Can you come with us in April?



Can you help us with \$3,000 USD for Bibles, children's supplies, Christian books for the nearby orphanage, and supplies for the hundreds who receive medical, dental and vision care and so much more.

We need your prayers and support

Pray that we can purchase the other lot. This is critical for the future plans for the church. We have until May to raise \$45,000.

Visit our website and you can **watch** a 5 minutes video on the home page that shares the vision for the land and shows you first hand what it looks like. Our good friend Jeff Girard, who was with us in April put this together for us.

You can also **donate** right on our website (securely).

Share this with anyone that you think might want to help. We would be happy to send you a DVD version of the video if you have anyone you'd like to share it with.

We would also love to have you **go** with us to Bucerias this April.

You can now download all the information from our website, www.circleoc.com. You can even pay for the trips on a payment plan on the site. All trip costs are 100 % tax deductible.

We appreciate so much your support. The ministries of Circle of Concern are made possible through your generosity.

Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering helping us. *I believe that together we can reap a harvest of souls for the King of kings...*

Yours because of Him,

George Wakeling