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*The team on the church land after Sunday Service*

Dear friend of COC,

***We're back from another great outreach!*** I want to thank all of the team that sacrificed time and talent to come on this spectacular mission trip. A special thanks to those who helped support it and to those who could not make it but wanted to come. No SWINE FLU reported out of 6 or 7 million people, but due to panic in the press, some places have 90% cancellations and millions have lost work and more.



For the first time we ministered in a pre-school located in the poorest area of Bucerias. I am sure some were under 3 years old. One little princess came and sat down with me and put her little head on my shoulder and stroked my arm. It was a very small 4 room school with about 100 kids. What a difference from past trips where we've had over 1,000. But many locals came for help and the next day we had over 300 kids from the community and hundreds of adults. Carol DeGraff and Thersa & Chad Fitzgerald, along with Maya Durkin led the children's

ministry. Saturday, they organized a festival for the kids with a bounce house and more. Each child had the Gospel shared with them and a Life of Jesus book given to them. Face painting, crafts, soccer, balloons and each child treated to a shaved ice! Everyone, (especially the team) had a great time!

Dr. Lillie Rose Mayberry and Nina and the Vision team did an outstanding job as did the Photo Ministry with Alyssa DeGraff & Jeff Girard. The Dentists did mostly preventative care. Jim Waldron our professional painter had a great team at a new, almost finished orphanage. It is a great building, very well done. Pastor Keith and Maya and the staff at church had done all the advance work and made our job easier. We accomplished a lot at the church site, painting, pouring concrete walk, digging trenches and much more.



This was an emotional time as it was our last time to stay at the beautiful Villa Amor in Sayulita after 11 years. We want to thank so very much Rod, Mary and Roddy Ingram for giving so much to help us and for helping to buy the church land. We will never forget that it was you 3 who inspired us to come and now to see it all happening. We're so thankful for your friendship and partnership. You will always be part of the COC family.

So, where will we stay on our next trip? It is called Star Bay Resort and is about 30 minutes closer and only about 5 minutes to the church. I think everyone will be very happy with the new accommodations. It is right on the beach, has a beautiful pool and more. Visit [starbayresort.com](http://starbayresort.com) and check it out. I took the bold step and reserved rooms for 50 volunteers. I am also reserving 40 plane tickets. We hope to do a lot of church construction as well as a lot of outreach through children's ministry & medical clinics. It's also possible Chris Marshall and his playground donors from "Kids Around the World "will be able to install a grand playground on the front of our property all at the same time.

THE DATES FOR THE NEXT TRIP ARE NOV 11TH (A HOLIDAY) TO NOV 16TH. ONE EXTRA DAY!

With the one extra day with more lodging and food the new price will be only \$985.00. **One challenge is I have to give the hotel a count by August 14th. So I will need a non refundable deposit of \$ 200 with your app. The cost with your own air will be \$585.00.**

Pastor Keith thinks that we will have more info on the building permit in 2 weeks. He also feels we can build the church at around \$ 50.00 a square foot with volunteers. Get the word out as we would like a plethora of construction guys. Our lead man will be Chad Fitzgerald on the project. Maybe your church or small group could donate a few square feet. A \$ 1,000 gift could build 20 square feet.

Will you pray and ask the Lord if He wants you to play a part in this work? Whether it's praying, giving or coming on a trip...we NEED YOU!

Because He loves us all,



Pastor George



*The kids at our church, La Fuente Rivera...  
COC provided them with sunglasses...  
I think they like them!*



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