



January 30, 2007

Dear friend,

I want to update you on the news from Sayulita and the surrounding areas. Our Circle of Concern board president Mike Helm and I, along with Mark Ward and Nina Dyer just spent a few days there meeting and planning with our hosts Rod & Mary Ingram. Mike and I also met with Pastor Keith Durkin from La Fuente Ministries in Tepic. La Fuente continues to partner with us on our Mission trips in the region. We couldn't do it without their child evangelism teams, worship leaders and youth ministry crew. Many of our doctors, dentists, vision people and more come from that dynamic church.

We have some great news to share... Rod & Mary Ingram have offered to donate a large lot for us to build our Church/clinic. This gift will save us well over \$60,000. This means that the money we raised for the lot (\$82,000) can be used to build the church. The lot is about 15 miles from Sayulita with good bus service. Pending approval from the COC Board of Directors, we will begin planning the project.

At this time, we are leaning toward the idea of starting an English speaking church first and then using that church to launch a Spanish speaking church. We need two families to hear the call to minister in this area. Ideally, one family would be American and the other Mexican, both being bilingual.

More good news is that Mark & Pam Ward have donated a large storage area for us at the Villa Amor. What a blessing that will be. We have 4 sound systems, medical equipment and many other supplies.

Another piece of good news is that we recently had a very positive article written about COC in a Mexican publication put out by DIF (Mexican Social Services) for our work in the area.

Our 10th year anniversary trip, May 31st to June 4th, is filling up. We want to try and serve 2 villages and an orphanage. I have requested this from the Mexican Government and we are waiting to hear back. You can book this trip and pay online at: [www.circleoc.com/pages/mission trips/trip forms.asp](http://www.circleoc.com/pages/mission%20trips/trip%20forms.asp). Carol, my awesome bookkeeper and right arm, has simplified the forms.

If you are coming from out of state or want to fly on your own, you can try to use our own CIRCLEOCTRAVEL website (only if the fare is cheaper or comparable). The web address for this is: www.circleoctravel.com.

Remember May 31st to June 4th is our next trip. We look forward to hearing from you as we need your complete application and a \$100.00 deposit ASAP. If you come with us from LAX, the cost of this trip is \$895.00, which includes transportation, lodging and most meals. If you come from out of state or Canada it is \$495.00 (you arrange transportation). If you cannot make it May 31st, we request your financial help for this trip. Last November we ran out of Bibles again after taking almost \$2,000 worth. We also need a plethora of children's chewable vitamins and adult vitamins, medications, eyeglasses, VBS materials, painting supplies and more.

Can you join us?

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George".

George

p.s. I just got off the phone with a great lady who works with an orphanage in Bucerias. Bucerias is about half-way between the Puerto Vallarta Airport and Sayulita. Right now it is a small orphanage of about 15 to 20 children. They are building a larger facility that may be ready for us to help finish when we go down. Ruth Murietta from Southern California is going down next Wednesday to check the status for us. I am going back down March 25th to 30th, and I will meet with them. This would be a great opportunity for us to serve and share the Lord on our upcoming trip. To help this orphanage, we will need some serious financial help, as well as roofers, plumbers, painters, carpenters and those willing to do general labor. Are you IN?