

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear COC Friend,

It's been quite the year so far! For me personally, it's been tough. Many of you know I had an accident March 2nd while hiking in the Bay area. I slipped on mud, and badly broke my lower left leg. Two surgeries and 3 months later, I am out of a fiberglass cast and hobbling about in an aircast boot for a few more weeks. It's been long, slow and I'm ready to get back to my life! Unexpected things happen in an instant, and I am grateful for all my friends and family around me. I'm also extremely thankful for high quality medical care and the EMT's that got me into the ambulance. On a past visit to our ministry in Zona Norte, Tijuana I remember a man who asked for prayer because he had a broken arm and no ability to get medical attention for lack of funds and identity paperwork. I cannot imagine life like that!

On the COC front, we still have our hands to the plow. Our Baja team recently returned and had an amazing trip. They are my heroes! As well, the ministry in Zona Norte continues through our partners Keith and Maya who are saving children's lives and futures. Our team served with them March 23rd and did great. I missed not being able to go! Please pray about going with us on September 14th, I know you will be blessed.

Your generosity is allowing us to make a difference in the lives of those who have very little, but whom Jesus loves so much.

Thank you and may your summer be blessed,



Carol DeGraff, Executive Director

## MAY 2019 BAJA TEAM PRAISE REPORT



**Photo: Jose Luis with the kids from Every Child's Hope**

*He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Luke 10:2*

First we want to give God all the glory and honor for all He continues to do for those ministering in Mexico. We know, 'little in the hands of God always turns into enough.' With four workers, Jim, Lisa, Eli and myself, we were able to minister to over 40 children, supply over 100 Bibles and build walls for a future sanctuary for Every Child's Hope, the after school program run by our local partner, Jose Luis. The needs are immense but we press on, and our prayer is for these children to not only have a basic education, but also instruction in the ways of the Lord and more importantly for them to excel in the grace of God.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

- Reyna, COC Staff

## ONE-DAY OUTREACH ZONA NORTE, TIJUANA

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

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# ELI'S BAJA EXPERIENCE



I'm so thankful for the privilege that God gave me to go on a mission trip to Vicente Guerrero with Circle of Concern. We were blessed to share God's love in many ways: by giving a meal, Bible story, the gospel, giving gifts and spending time with the kids who live in a poor camp. And we fed the homeless who live in a really bad dump in the area.

God did something in me during this trip. I saw God's love in every child's smile and I was praising Him for His love and mercy, and for all these families who have only one room to share with more than 5 people. It looks like the world has forgotten about them, but I know that God loves them because He sent us to help these families who are crying out to Him. We can't change the world in one trip, but God can do amazing things if we are willing to listen to Him and go. I wouldn't change anything about this experience, even though it broke my heart. After this trip I cannot be the same person.

- Eli Cisneros, missionary with Gospel Colors Outreach



*Lisa giving a haircut*



*Bible lessons for kids*



*Making new friends*



*Jesus loves the children*

## FROM THE FOUNDER: SAYULITA, MEXICO TRIP - NOVEMBER 12 - 16, 2020

Even though it's more than a year away, we already have over 30 interested in going on the Sayulita 2020 Missions Trip. If you haven't let me know that you want to join, email me today and I'll get you on the wait list. Our dear friends, Rod and Mary Ingram and Mark and Tina Ward will host the team at the beautiful Villa Amor. We will serve with Pastor Nacho of Agape church in Bucerias and Pastor Saul, Punta de Mita. It will be a great trip! We will begin taking deposits in the fall, which solidifies everyone's spot.

Hope you can join,  
Pastor George • [george@circleeoc.com](mailto:george@circleeoc.com)

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