

MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2019

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear COC friend and partner,

Jesus told us to GO and make disciples of all nations. Matthew 28:19

It's a pretty clear command: 1) we are to go, 2) we are to disciple. That's why at COC we know how important it is that when we GO, we serve with an "on the ground" partner with the same goals to ensure discipleship happens. Our strategic focus is Mexico and here is what's in the works for 2019/2020. We hope you can join on one or more outreaches! Let me know if you're interested, or if you can't go, would you consider sponsoring someone?

Together, we can make a difference,

Carol DeGraff, Executive Director carol@circleoc.com

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: TERRY DEGRAFF



Our volunteers make the difference!

Matthew 11 begins with this strange passage: "When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them."

How does Circle of Concern compare with how Jesus described his daily life to John?

- The almost-blind receive reading glasses (and a New Testament)
- The sick and injured receive free medical attention
- Children of migrant workers and prostitutes receive an education or day care
- The hungry are fed and the poor receive the Good News about Jesus

Every CoC partnership is actively lifting up the unfortunate, wounded, and outcast people Jesus described. On each trip I feel even more aligned with Jesus' work of establishing his kingdom.

This is what keeps me serving with the CoC Board and going on outreaches.

TIJUANA

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

1 DAY OUTREACH ZONA NORTE, TIJUANA

Space is limited.
Suggested donation \$25.
Sign up today at
circleoc.com/tijuana

Partner info: Mexico Red is a Christian education and feeding program in Tijuana's notorious Zona Norte. We work with children, deportees, homeless and drug addicts.

mxred.org



MÉXICO RED

SAN LUIS DE LA PAZ, GUANAJUATO

SUMMER 2020



(approx. 1 week, end of July or early August). Cost to be determined. Great trip for teens and adults. Build a Playground in the Circle of Silence (less than 1% evangelical)

Partner info: Vida Impact Missions, a Christian mission organization serving the least reached area of Mexico. **vidaimpactmissions.org**

VINCENTE GUERRERO, BAJA

WINTER/SPRING 2020



Cost and exact dates TBD (3 nights, 4 days) Drive from So California. A great family trip.

Partner info: Every Child's Hope serves migrant workers children and their families. ECH is helping get kids to school as well as afterschool tutoring/bible clubs to change their future.

facebook.com/Every-Childs-Hope

SAYULITA, MEXICO

NOVEMBER 12 - 16, 2020







Cost: \$550 plus airfare. Outreach to 2 communities.

Partner info: We will serve with Pastor Nacho of Agape church in Mezcales and Pastor Saul, Punta de Mita.

Even though it's more than a year away, we already have over 30 interested in going. Our dear friends, Rod and Mary Ingram and Mark and Tina Ward will host the team at the beautiful Villa Amor. It will be a great trip! We will begin taking deposits in the fall, which solidifies everyone's spot. circleoc.com/sayulita

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