

Dear friends,

We are excited about 2018, and the ministry opportunities for Circle of Concern.

We ended 2017 with our awesome Baja Missions Trip. Installing a playground for Specials Needs children was a huge blessing and one we will not forget!



On Saturday, January 27th fifteen of us spent the day in Zona Norte, the red light district of Tijuana. We partnered with Keith and Maya Durkin of C.O.T.A. and ministered to this community which is home to drug addicts, prostitutes, children who are sex trafficked and more. Keith and Maya have started a school for kids who are not being educated through the normal system. Though this area sounds so dark I have to tell you, after all my years of going on outreach in Mexico, this was my favorite day ever. The needs are so vast, but the opportunity to bring the Good News of Jesus is limitless and people are receptive. I believe God's light will prevail in this dark area as we reach out in His name.

We will go back to Zona Norte Saturday April 21. We will feed the community, host a free eyeglass clinic, pray for folks, have lots of kids' activities, and share the love of Christ with all. Can you join? I believe **you** will not be the same.

Thank you so much for your support to Circle of Concern...it is making a difference!



Carol DeGraff

TIJUANA DAY TRIP APRIL 21, 2018

\$25.00 suggested donation.

Meet at the border at 9am – Border Station Parking
Passport required. Ages 16+ due to the sensitive area.

Sign up at circleoc.com/tijuana

SAYULITA, MEXICO NOVEMBER 8-12, 2018

\$550 plus airfare.

Outreach Trip of a lifetime at the beautiful Villa Amor

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SAYULITA : HERE WE COME!

THE REUNION TRIP I HAVE BEEN HOPING FOR!

We are going back to Sayulita this Nov 8-12. We have 23 already signed up and have room for 5 more couples (or several single ladies) and 2 single guys. We are staying again at the beautiful Villa Amor on the beach in Sayulita. Fifteen Villas are reserved for us and 6 are still open. Check out VillaAmor.com

On Friday Nov 9th we will be working with dear friends Nacho and Mizuko at Agape Church in Mezcales. We will host an outreach with evangelism, free glasses and photos, balloons, games and crafts for the kids and more. Saturday Nov 10th we will do the same with Pastor Saul with Punta de Mita Mission Church.

Sunday morning we will have a bilingual service at Agape Church in Mezcales and then enjoy some free time for swim, surf, street tacos and more.

We hope YOU can come! The cost is \$550 to COC plus your airfare. We will help you arrange that. As we fill the plane and it gets closer to the Nov 8th the airfare price goes up. Contact me ASAP if you are interested in going.

This really will be my last trip. I have had a wonderful time in Mexico and made many lasting friends. I can't wait for November!

Pastor George Watelberg



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT : JIM 'GUIDO' ROBERTSON



Jim "Guido" Robertson has been part of COC since we first started going to Mexico, over 15 years ago. He has a servant's heart and a great sense of humor! He quickly makes friends with everyone, and authentically cares for them. We recently asked Jim to share why he loves coming with COC.

"It fills my heart and soul when I go on these outreaches no matter where we go. I love helping the less fortunate. Evangelizing isn't my personal gift; unless evangelizing is treating other people as a child of God on the same level as I am. It's a special moment when you look into their eyes and see that they realize you really care about them. It's something that money can't buy. I would like to believe that my level of caring has really improved and I love that through each outreach I am building great friendships."

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