

Dear friend of Circle of Concern,

Recently, I read a post on social media that has made me pause, reflect and think. The question posed was that we as Christians have a serious decision to make, “are we going to be Christians on a cruise ship or Christians on a battleship?” I figured the answer the author wanted, was if we are serious believers, of course we need to be on a battleship. A cruise ship is for “complacent and comfortable” Christianity.



As I thought about it I thought I certainly don't want to be complacent, but I'm also aware there are many ships at sea and I want to make sure I'm on the one Jesus is on. I can see Jesus piloting a hospital ship to compassionately heal the sick and bind up the brokenhearted. I see him captaining a fishing boat, calling us to cast our nets wide and catch all we can. Or on a lifeboat, putting His life on the line to rescue anyone and everyone He can.

General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army used to say, “I go for sinners, and I go for the worst.” He would venture into the bars and brothels of his day in London, share the love of Jesus, see lives changed from the inside out, and that is what started a revival movement.

That's why I feel so privileged that Circle of Concern partners with people like Keith and Maya Durkin of Mexico Red, who are giving hope to children in the worst of circumstances by showing God's love to those in Zona Norte, Tijuana. Prostitutes, cartel members, drug addicts, refugees and more. For me, this is the true gospel: the real work of Jesus, done from a lowly fishing boat and a hospital ship with only mercy ministry aboard.

WE NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER

With the closing of our Thrift Store last year due to Covid-19, we realize 2021 will be different for us. We want to continue funding our partners and ministries even more than ever. If you are not already, would you prayerfully consider becoming a monthly supporter? Every gift of every size is greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much, stay well and blessings to you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol DeGraff".

Carol DeGraff
Executive Director

INSTALL A PLAYGROUND

Impact a Community that needs Jesus.
Great missions trip for families!

When: 12/27/21-1/1/2022

Where: Aranda, Jalisco in Mexico

Partner: Donald and Becky Kamese,
Vida Impact Ministries

Interested? Contact carol@circleoc.com



WELCOME HUGH MARGESSON TO THE TEAM: Bringing Medical and Relief Supplies to the Needy

Our good friend Hugh Margesson spends a lot of his time at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. About a year ago the hospital reached out to him, and told him they had lots of unwanted supplies in their basement and would he be able to clear them out and redistribute them. Hugh jumped at the opportunity, and because of it has supplied freely tens of thousands of dollars in new, unused medical supplies to: homeless missions, hospitals and clinics in Mexico and Venezuela, local So Cal medical clinics providing for the underserved, ministries in Mexico, food pantries and more. He has also branched out and picks up supplies from other Southern California Medical centers.

It's great to have him as part of the COC family as his heart and mission are ours as well.

How will we help? We will provide the infrastructure to receive donations in order to pay for shipping, fuel, any labor needed and costs associated with supply distribution. We are excited to see all God does!



Hugh and Carol loading boxes of supplies destined for homeless shelters, food pantries and more.

2020 CHRISTMAS HOPE PROJECT REPORT: God can do great things even amidst a Pandemic!

**Over 1400 families fed in 8 nations and multiple locations through local churches:
Brazil, Vietnam, Mexico, Philippines, Venezuela, Cuba, Panama and Fallbrook, CA**



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