

GREETINGS FRIENDS!

The Circle of Concern family had a busy fall season with some amazing ministry taking place in Santa Ana, CA and Bucerias, Mexico.

Jerome Park in Santa Ana is next to one of the roughest streets in the city. At night this area is full of drug deals, gang activity and prostitution. Multiple families live together in small apartments in the neighborhood surrounding the park. Armando Reyes and Calvary Church of Santa Ana are planting a church nearby to serve the people of this neighborhood. So that's when my dad, Bea and I decided to come and serve this new church plant in the same way that the COC family has been serving churches in Mexico for the past 14 years.

Armando and the church team had stories for kids, crafts, live music, short evangelistic messages and a free hot dog meal. COC had our incredible vision clinic, framed family photographs, balloon animals and face painting.

One woman at the vision clinic was crying and asked for a church close to her in the neighborhood. "Absolutely!" we said, "That's why we are here!"

There was a little neighborhood girl named Sandra who was helping us do the balloon animals and she said, "It sure feels good to help people." Sandra is right. It does feel great to help people. Would you help us at the next Park Outreach Day in Oceanside on January 9th?

Armando shared that two people came to their evening service after the Park Outreach and one of them received Christ. Many more doors were opened with several people asking for a visit to their home from the pastor and many more ended up coming to the church. This church just started and already has seen 15 people become new followers of Jesus Christ.

Park Outreach Oceanside – January 9th. Come do the ministry we do in Mexico right in our own backyard while we help plant a new Spanish-speaking church called "New Song Iglesia de Comunidad."

PARK OUTREACH OCEANSIDE

JOIN US **SATURDAY, JANUARY 9**

10:30AM - 3:30PM (actual event will be 11:00am - 3:00pm)

Libby Lake Park • 504 Calle Montecito • Oceanside, CA 92057

Vision Clinic, Family Photos, Balloon Animals, Crafts, Face Painting

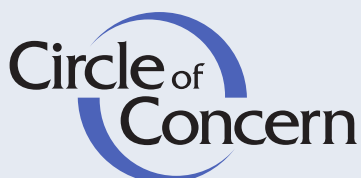
RSVP to ericwakeling@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer at this event



Bucerias, Mexico is a place of great beauty both in its beaches and its people. However, as many of you know, a few miles behind the resorts there are communities of extreme poverty and spiritual need. The COC team served with the vision clinic, framed family photos, balloon animals, crafts, face painting and encouraging the locals. I had the privilege to preach in Christ's Church on discerning truth when we are barraged with so many false messages.

Dad/George has been leading trips to this region for the past 14 years. This trip in November was a big deal because it was my dad's last trip. His heart would keep going every year for another century but his body is catching up with him. I love how my dad doesn't even really care about the beauty of the jungles and beaches. He only cares about the people and loves them deeply. It has led to an incredible legacy of churches planted, people saved and the poor served in so many different ways. We have also made a ton of cherished friends along the way. We are all so excited to continue my dad's legacy in reaching the poor, serving abused and neglected children, giving hope to single moms and abused women, and helping many people hear about the love of Jesus Christ. We are looking into where and how we can continue this legacy in Mexico as well as here in the USA.

-Eric Wakeling



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