

Dear COC friend,

I love that Jesus was a hero to the rejects of society; the poor, the unclean, the outcast, the "sinner." Jesus met each person where they were at, and was willing to touch and embrace them without condemnation. He gave them hope, healing, forgiveness, dignity, identity and wholeness.

In Zona Norte Tijuana, you find just the kind of person Jesus loved on: damaged, impoverished and with lots of problems. This area is home to prostitutes, beggars, drug addicts and more. On Saturday, April 21st our team brought hope and help by:

- Administering first aid (with the help of 2 nurses)
- Providing free eyeglasses
- Serving hundreds of hot dogs
- Praying for desperate people
- Sharing the Gospel and handing out Bibles
- Taking individual and family framed photos
- Engaging in crafts and Bible stories with the children
- PLUS we installed a toilet and sink, framed and hung dry wall in the newly rented building.

It was a great day and we will be going back August 4th!

Our ministry partners, Keith and Maya Durkin who live full time in Tijuana, are just starting renovations in this rental which will include a kitchen for feeding, a classroom for teaching, a community center and a storefront church. Interested in donating to this project? 100% of gifts will go directly towards it. Donate at **circleoc.com/tjproject**

After our outreach on April 21, here's what the Durkin's had to say:

"Maya and I wanted to let you know how grateful we are for all your help and support. Yesterday was a great day and we look forward to the next time we can minister together. This truly is a pioneering work and every little breakthrough is to be celebrated. Jesus is good and His work is going forward. You all did a wonderful job in the few hours that you were here. It is of eternal worth." — Keith and Maya

Circle of Concern also celebrates that we were able to give \$10,000 towards the Tijuana ministry 15 passenger van! We used it April 21 and it was awesome! Thank you to all who helped make this possible.

Together, we are making a difference,



Executive Director



ZONA NORTE, TIJUANA AUGUST 4, 2018

Leave in the AM, Back by the evening.
\$25.00 suggested donation

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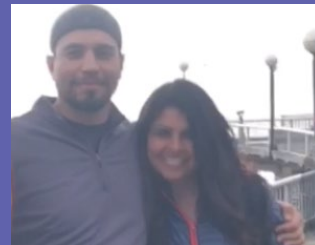
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INTRODUCING REYNA

COC VENTURA COUNTY COORDINATOR

We first met Reyna December 2016 in Baja for our playground build outreach. There was an instant connection with her and we realized we had the same focus and vision --- to bring hope and help to the needy. COC is honored to have Reyna join our staff and we believe that working together we will make a bigger impact for Christ. Reyna lives in Ventura, and will focus on raising awareness of COC and its ministry partners in Ventura County. She will also bring teams into Baja for outreach. Reyna and her husband Ruben are a blended family, with her two children, Bianca (24) and Alan (21), and Ruben's boys, Joseph (13) and Jacob (12).



2018 SPRING BAJA MISSION TRIP

In March Reyna and Ruben drove down to the Vicente Guerrero area where they partnered with Pastor Abel of Las Aves to minister and serve. For several days, they served the church in Las Aves, and ministered alongside them in the surrounding communities. Reyna has a huge heart for this particular area of Baja. She came back so excited and blessed and said "This Baja experience was a great reminder of how great the need for Christ is. The harvest is truly plentiful but the laborers are few. My prayer and hope is that God will raise up people to take the message and plan of Christ to Baja, and to all the other parts of the world."

We plan to bring a team down next time with Reyna to this area that is full of needs, and full of opportunity for the Gospel.



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