

'A TRIBUTE TO MY BETTY' FROM GEORGE WAKELING



My precious wife of 64 years went from my arms to the arms of Jesus on September 4, 2016. She was my partner in life and in ministry. She cared deeply for people and it showed in so many ways. Betty and I began Circle of Concern to help others, those who might slip through the cracks, especially single mom's, teens and the unborn.

We started our Mexico work because we met Rod, Mary and Roddy Ingram and visited where they lived - Sayulita in Nayarit, Mexico, a beautiful coastal village, yet surrounded by poverty and without a Christian church. So we began to bring teams down twice a year to help the poor and needy, with the hopes of planting a church in the area. When we went, Betty would serve on any ministry team that had a need. She had such a servant's heart. She especially loved working in the vision clinic, helping to give out free eyeglasses and pray with

people. She would say how giving someone the ability to read something as simple as a medicine bottle could be life changing for them. Being a professional counselor, she also loved counselling people using an interpreter. Most of all she was always by my side encouraging me. She was full of wisdom and had an adventurous spirit that was a joy to be around.

Now that my partner is gone, I am slowing down a bit and will miss her every day. Betty would be happy that Carol DeGraff and my son Eric are continuing to make COC a force in the Mission field. The trip COC is planning to Baja at the end of December is where Betty and I have a house nearby. We would vacation there often and serve at the Foundation for His Ministry mission which is a partner with COC. I hope you can come or send a donation to help make an impact in the region.

Thank you so much for your love and support,
Pastor George

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT : A WHEEL CHAIR FOR KIKI

Kiki, age 62 can hardly get around anymore. She's had a hard life, full of illness and pain. We found out about Kiki and her need for a wheel chair from a family friend. She was healthy until about 13 years old when she started having seizures and migraines and lots of neck and back pain. There were lots of misconceptions then about blood sugar and epilepsy and allergies, so it was a very difficult and confusing time for Kiki.

Kiki became a Christian in the early 70's as did most of her family. But people would tell her if she really believed she would be healed. However, she wasn't and so she felt ashamed and thought that she must not be good enough. She felt her life was judged by people constantly. It's been a difficult journey for Kiki to find true acceptance deep in her soul. Today, she is married to a pastor of a very small church. They live in a very rural area of California, and have very few resources. They have learned to live on very little.

We were blessed to provide Kiki with the gift of a small light wheelchair to assist her in getting around. Something so simple, yet life changing for someone like Kiki.





JOIN THE COC TEAM FOR KIDS AROUND THE WORLD'S ANNUAL BAJA NEW YEARS PROJECT: DECEMBER 28-31

ABOUT THIS TRIP

This family-friendly trip is a great way to set a tone for 2017 by serving together and alongside others as we make a huge impact on Camalu, a small community near Vicente Guerrero, Baja Mexico.

You'll find opportunities fit for every age and ability over the two days we dedicate to lifting up these people and building relationships as we go.

Last year KATW had 50 volunteers worked in this region, with over half of them being under the age of 10, so everyone is welcome.

Whether you're looking to build a playground, paint a house, help clean and beautify, or just want to get goofy with the local kids...this is your trip.

LOCAL PARTNER INFO

We will be working with Keith and Maya Durkin (FFHM) and focused on the village, Camalu, where 80% of the people are migrant workers who came up from Oaxaca and other southern states to find work. Their children are the primary victims of their circumstances.

We will serve Open Arms, a no-cost daycare with the vision to keep children off the streets while their mom/parents are working and to prevent the abandonment of children to orphanages for poverty reasons. They take care of the most vulnerable children in the community, giving them two hot meals (breakfast and lunch) daily, transportation to and from school, and teaching them the word of God. They also have a youth center, and an on-site church. Open Arms mission to open their arms just like Jesus did to the children of Mexico and bring them into the loving arms of Jesus Christ.

DATES • COST • DETAILS

TRIP DATES: December 28 – 31, 2016

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 7, 2016

FLIGHT PARAMETERS: Flights need to arrive into San Diego Airport (SAN) on December 28. Flights need to depart on January 1. *Please confirm flight info with us before booking tickets.*

TRIP COST (does not include airfare):

\$495 per adult, \$440 for children under 18

- COC Alumni Appreciation Pricing:

\$400 per adult, \$350 children under 18.

We are offering special pricing to anyone who has been on our Circle of Concern Outreach trips to the Puerto Vallarta area.

Cost includes: transportation from Carlsbad, CA, hotel accommodations, 1 commemorative t-shirt, volunteer insurance card and breakfasts. Plus all ministry supplies are included.

Deposit: \$100 due now (see payment options below)

Final Payment: Remaining balance due 12/1

Additional Costs: 3 dinners, 2 lunches (Avg. \$7/meal)

*For those flying: Flights need to arrive into San Diego Airport (SAN) on December 28. Flights need to depart on January 1. Please confirm flight info with carol@circleoc.com before booking tickets.

SUBMIT \$100 DEPOSIT BY MAIL OR PAY ONLINE:

Mark "Baja" on check memo and mail to:
Circle of Concern
PO Box 6592
Oceanside, CA 92052

Or submit a deposit online at **CIRCLEOC.COM/DONATE**

****Important: Please email carol@circleoc.com when you pay the deposit so we can send you the application.**

If you can't come along, you can still make a difference! Donate to COC and it will bless a child! Circle of Concern is helping Kids Around the World with the cost of the playground, Bibles, toys and other ministry supplies.

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