

## Dear Friend of COC,

We were back in Zona Norte, Tijuana on Saturday, September 24th where our team served over 150 a hot breakfast, assembled a TV stand with a donated TV for the school to use, and painted over graffiti on the building. It was a wonderful day and team!

After all the activities, Keith and Maya had 2 ladies they know come and cook us all tacos. YUM! We also were able to have Keith and Maya and the staff share how the ministry began, what difficult challenges they encounter on a weekly basis, and how they bring hope to not only the kids but the adults they encounter each day.

They currently have 45 students coming to their school, and told us these are kids who make the choice to come. It's not their mom or dad who tells them to go. Most all of the children don't have a good home life, many of them have mom's who are prostitutes, or parents that are drug addicts, alcoholics, criminals or all of the above. The school is an important ministry that not only provides education, but also shows kindness, God's loving compassion and a safe place to be.

Our team was able to lay hands on the staff, and pray over them. They see so much pain on a daily basis, that it takes its toll. Hearing story after story for them can be overwhelming. They truly are on the frontline and the devil's doorstep. Their faith and consistency is amazing and so important for these children. We feel blessed to support them through prayer, finances and sending teams.



## COC Goes Local

August 31st, COC hosted a family fiesta in Fallbrook, CA. We partnered with Iglesia de Dios in Fallbrook and CrossWay Community Church, also in Fallbrook (mine and Terry's home church). Unexpectedly, we made it in the local newspaper! To read the full article, visit [bit.ly/3UKzrPT](http://bit.ly/3UKzrPT)

At the end of October, our partner Donald Kamese of Vida Impact Mission will be visiting. We will host several meetings to introduce him and his ministry to our friends and community. Donald and his wife Becky live in Arandas, Jalisco, Mexico running a Bible School that trains rural pastors to reach central Mexico with the Gospel. Let me know if you'd like to meet Donald. We visited him last December and installed two playgrounds in his community.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Together, we are making a difference!

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**Family outreach event led by Circle of Concern**

FALLBROOK Three Christian groups from Fallbrook and Southern California came together for an afternoon of food, fun, and family outreach in the community, Saturday, Aug. 27. The event was organized by Circle of Concern, a nonprofit based out of Oceanside, which focuses on helping single moms, children and the needy, mostly in Mexico. CrossWay Community Church and Iglesia de Dios, their team met behind the 7-11 at Ash Street and Main Avenue, at Iglesia de Dios, and served dinner, hosted a bounce house, games, and craft photos. They also took family

photos, gave out free reading glasses, and prayed for members of the community in need. Some members of the team packed up food to share with the homeless. Jeff Hord, a volunteer with Circle of Concern, said "We talked to some people on the trail. We gave them food. We told them part of the reason we're here is to give out food, but we want people to be in heaven and Jesus is God's gift and way to heaven. Just like any gift, people will choose if they want it, but we told them that we are offering that. One gentleman said, "We can see the good in you and God working through you". So, we feel like we did our part to



Circle of Concern offers a reading clinic where individuals could be fit for reading glasses.



Photos were taken, printed and framed in order to give to members of the community their own family photos.

meet physical needs and share the hope of God's good news. The original plan was to take a team to Tijuana that day, to feed and serve the community in a very desperate area, Zona Norte, which is home to many rejected by society, due to drug addiction, prostitution and poverty. Circle of Concern partners with a local TI group that is educating street kids not in the traditional school system, to give them a better future. As well, every Saturday they feed over 250 in the community a hot meal, which may for some be the only meal they have that day. With the violence that occurred the Tijuana area, it was decided to postpone that trip until things have calmed down. But, with a volunteer team already in place, it felt wrong to cancel everyone's plans and so the team decided instead to come to Fallbrook where Pastor Marcello of Iglesia de Dios graciously opened his doors for the community event in his church's backyard.



The leaders of CrossWay, Circle of Concern and Iglesia de Dios, Tommy, Carol and Marcello, plan to partner together in more events in Fallbrook in the future.

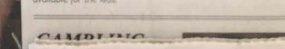
Pastor Marcello said, "Today was a wonderful Saturday for the church working together to share the love of God. We had people from our church, Tommy's church (CrossWay), and even a missionary from Minnesota. We had a bounce house, glasses to give away, and family photos."



Face painting, crafts and a bounce house are some of the activities available for the kids.

Local pastor Tommy Welty said of the event, "It is a great joy to work together with other churches. Small, faithful acts of service done with great love is what God calls us to. We didn't just share food and fun with each other, we shared Jesus and his love for every body."

Submitted by Circle of Concern.





# COC'S HOPE BEYOND BORDERS UPDATE

## Bringing Medical and Relief Supplies to the Needy

In 3 short months, HBB has shipped needed medical supplies to: Venezuela (shown in photo), Ukraine, Pakistan, and Mexico. Hugh Margesson and Bob Brauchler, the HBB staff is also working on getting supplies to the Philippines, Nigeria and the Ivory Coast. The supplies are donated to HBB from hospitals and health organizations, and shipped via various partners in these nations. It's all pretty exciting!

TENTATIVELY PLANNING NOV 9-13, 2023

## BACK TO BUCERIAS

just north of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico!

We will serve Agape church Mezcales and Punta de Mita Mission in San Vicente/Punta de Mita. Would you like to be on the 'Interested' list? Email [george@circleoc.com](mailto:george@circleoc.com)

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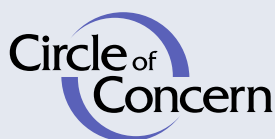
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