

MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

FALL 2023

Dear Friend,

We are inviting you to join us ONLINE via Zoom Wednesday, September 27th, 7 - 7:45pm PST for a special time with Keith and Maya Durkin, Directors of Mexico RED who are on the frontlines ministering to kids at risk in Zona Norte, Tijuana. This year alone, they have been part of rescuing 13 children from sex trafficking!

This is the link to the call: zoom.us/j/97411123489

You will learn how you can help rescue more children. You will hear stories that will break your heart, but also encourage you that there is HOPE for more kids to be saved from a horrific life.

Zona Norte, Tijuana is a central hub of the sex industry, prostitution, human trafficking, drug addiction and homelessness. Keith and Maya and their team are running a street school and feeding program, which is a beacon of light, literally a salvation to a very vulnerable population.

It's now time for the ministry to expand and find a house to purchase that will become a safe house for rescues, staff and office housing, and be able to host the many teams that are coming to serve. Keith and Maya will share their vision for the future with us, and have a time for Q&A.

***NOTE: Sensitive ministry information will be shared during the meeting, please do not give this link to non-invitees. And please for safety reasons for the Durkins, do not post this meeting content on social media. Thank you for this discretion!

I hope you can join us!

Thank you all for your support! It truly is making a difference.

Blessings to you,

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Laura & Jeff praying for people



GIVE BIBLES

for our Bucerias, Mexico Missions Trip

We have our team of 13 in place and working on plans to minister alongside our partners in the area. We would love to bring Bibles to give out, as they are always much needed!

1 case = 28 Bibles = \$70

If you want to help with that, send a check with "Bibles4Mexico" on your memo or donate online at

circleoc.com/bibles4mexico



HELP A FAMILY

who lost everything in the August Lahaina fires

Circle of Concern is sending funds to a Pastor and his family who lost everything in Lahaina. They are dear friends of Chris Marshall who serves on the COC Board.

Donate online at

circleoc.com/lahaina-relief-fund

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: LARA FARRELL

AUGUST 26 Outreach to Zona Norte Update

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40

When I think of Zona Norte, I think about how the spirit of God dwells there in the little outreach building where Keith and Maya lead an amazing team. This past weekend when a group of us went to serve, I again got to see the Lord as he used their team and our team for this important work. I had the privilege of being on the prayer team and Jeff Hord and I had the opportunity to pray for many people, we also had the privilege to lead three to Chris! One in particular stands out in my mind, Victor. He was repeating the prayer, accepting Christ as his savior with Jeff and we had our eyes closed. When I opened my eyes at the "amen," I saw tears streaming down Victor's face. You could see the joy in his eyes as we praised the Lord and high-fived. I look forward to the day I will see Victor in heaven. We also had the opportunity to pray for a man who knew Jesus well, Ernesto, but he had been plagued with sadness the night before and he said there was a dark presence around him. We prayed for that dark presence to leave in the



Name of Jesus and for the Light of the Lord to overtake that darkness. Ernesto thanked us and was grateful for our prayers. Another man, Luis, was so grateful for the food and the medical care that was provided and for the prayers of health for him and his friend. They hadn't eaten in days and he was very emotional as he thanked us over and over. It was a humbling experience all around and I walked away blessed and grateful for all the Lord had done for the "least of these" and also for what he had done for me as a result of being there.



UPDATE ON JOSE CARLOS

Jose Carlos is now a healthy, happy boy after his surgery and recovery! He is running around and enjoying regular food.

We are now focused on helping the family get out of the horrible housing conditions they currently live in. We are looking for an apartment to rent for them as Cynthia (mom) is looking for employment. We have been blessed by a missionary, Delaney who has been driving Cynthia and Jose Carlos to his Doctor appointments, helping with groceries and being a big support to them all, both physically and as a friend.

Thank you for all of your help and prayers as we watch this families lives be changed so positively!

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