

### Dear Friend of COC,

On Saturday, March 19th, we had our first outreach day to TJ since the pandemic began. It felt so good to be back with our dear friends the Durkin's, and see how their ministry has grown in the 2 years since we've been there. They started their school with just a few kids and now have 60 students and a waiting list. To hear the stories of some of the kids who live in Zona Norte is just heart breaking... some living in substandard buildings where drug dealers, prostitutes and criminals are living, at times with little supervision or care. These are the kids the Durkin's are reaching with education to change their destiny, and in some cases helping to relocate and rescue them.



### Pancakes and Miracles!

The Saturday we went we cooked and served over 250 people a hot breakfast, as well as did some improvements in the building. Patti, our nurse saw about ½ dozen patients. The one pictured here is Ricardo, a young father who has had to leave his home after being shot 15 times for turning in his neighbor for drug dealing. It was a miracle he had survived! He came to Patti because he still has a bullet in his leg and was hoping she could take it out (which she could not, but referred him to a clinic nearby). Jeff, who speaks Spanish, was able to minister to Ricardo and introduced him to Jesus, who Ricardo prayed to receive with tears. Please pray for Ricardo, that he can be safely reunited with his family soon, and that he will continue to trust in the Lord.



### Sayulita: We are coming soon!

In 2 short months, our team of 30 will fly to Puerto Vallarta for our 2x postponed Missions Trip. We cannot wait! We will be serving in a very poor area referred to as Carton-landia and host a fiesta at Pastor Nacho and Mizuko's church, Agape in Mezcales. **We have room for 3 more couples or singles, ([amorboutiquehotel.com](http://amorboutiquehotel.com)) but you need to email [george@circleoc.com](mailto:george@circleoc.com) today if you are interested. We'd love to have you along!**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol DeGraff".

**Carol DeGraff**, Executive Director

## BIBLES FOR SAYULITA

Can you help us bring Bibles and supplies to Sayulita? We have already raised money to construct a new restroom facility for the poor in Carton-landia, but we will also be doing repair work at a local orphanage, along with outreach to the community. Thank you for your help!





## Hero Spotlight

# CHRIS MARSHALL, NOVO MISSIONARY

*Helping Ukraine Refugees*

All eyes have been watching the humanitarian crisis unfold in Ukraine and the surrounding nations. Chris Marshall, who serves on the COC Board, let us know that he was flying to Moldova to meet with missionary partners and bring funds for supplies to help the Ukrainian people. NOVO is also helping transport people out of Ukraine and housing refugees. Chris has kept us posted on his trip; here he is (far right) with a Ukrainian family. He has travelled to Romania, Poland, Moldova, and Hungary, met and ministered to many refugees. We look forward to hearing more stories of seeing what God is doing in the midst of tragedy. Please keep Chris and his family in your prayers.

## From the Founder

# JUNE 2-6 MISSION TRIP

*By George Wakeling*

*I was recently asked, "What am I most looking forward to about our upcoming Mission Trip to Sayulita?"*

Many things actually, but the most important thing to me after 24 years is seeing the faces of the families we help. They have so little but are so thankful. Another bonus is the team we go with. Some of them have been with us from the very beginning. Many are my best friends. In 1998 the owners of the Amor Boutique Hotel, Rod & Mary Ingram invited me to bring a team to Sayulita with doctors, dentists, dental hygienist's, VBS volunteers, construction workers, and most important; willing hearts to share the gospel. Please pray for us to have a servant's heart, sharing God's love with all we touch. We have room for 3 more couples, or singles. If you are interested, email me today at [george@circleoc.com](mailto:george@circleoc.com)

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