

Dear COC Friend,

Five years ago, Donald and Becky Kamese of Vida Impact Missions had a dream to bring a playground to the Circle of Silence in Mexico where they are missionaries. After their many prayers and God's faithfulness, Circle of Concern is partnering with Kids Around the World and Transforming Trips for the funding, delivery of equipment and installation! We have set a date for December 2021 to install not just one playground but TWO, and are looking for the final funding and a team to join us!



Why the Circle of Silence? "The Circle of Silence" is made up of the 115 counties that have 1% or less evangelicals and many live in poverty. We want to bring the ultimate message of hope, but we also consider practical help as a platform for gospel witness in this region where many are hostile to the gospel.



Why Playgrounds? Many Mexican kids struggle to find fun. Most do not have a safe place to play at any time of the year. The playgrounds we are bringing will give a community of children a safe place to play, find support, and just be kids. Moreover, they will learn about the freeing truth of Christ.

In the past, Circle of Concern has been blessed to help bring and install playgrounds to our partners in various parts of Mexico: Bucerias, San Vicente, Camalu and Emiliano Zapata. We've seen firsthand what a blessing they can be for the community and especially for our local partner, giving them new inroads into helping families, sharing the Gospel and more.

Why Two Playgrounds? The cost to transport two playgrounds is the same price as one, so it makes financial sense. One playground will be installed at the Vida Impact Ministry Center designed for training church planters, and the second will be installed at a local partner church nearby in Arandas, Jalisco. The Ministry Center will also lodge the team installing the playgrounds.

Project Costs: Invest In Building A Christian Community



Total including transport:
\$27,000



Collected to date:
\$15,000



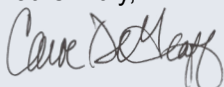
Pledged:
\$7,000



Funding still needed:
\$5000

Would you pray about partnering with us? Whether helping with funding, joining the team, or sponsoring someone else to go, all is needed and appreciated. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Yours Truly,



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Donations can be made at
circleoc.com/playgrounds

WHO IS VIDA IMPACT MISSIONS?

THE KAMESE FAMILY, FOUNDERS/DIRECTORS



Vida Impact seeks to collaboratively train and plant rural Christ-centered churches with local leaders.

For the last few years Donald and a team of missionaries have been planning on opening a Bible training center that will equip the local leaders and train up people who desire to serve in the Circle of Silence and beyond. Amazingly they have been donated a large 'rancho' with dormitories and facilities already built where they can start to bring this dream to reality.

Donate to the Playground Fund to make a difference at circleoc.com/playgrounds

Join the team to install the playgrounds This is a great missions trip for families!

When: 12/27/21-1/1/2022. Cost: \$700 per couple, \$450 individual, \$100 per child travelling with parent. (does not include airfare to Guadalajara)

Where: Arandas, Jalisco, Mexico

Sign Up at circleoc.com/outreach/playground

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

RYAN KING
BY CAROL DEGRAFF



My good friend Ryan is a hero of mine. He recently spent a day serving with our partners, Keith and Maya of MxRed in Zona Norte, Tijuana. Here he is pictured, helping feed the community with other volunteers. These selfless volunteers cook and serve 3,000 plates of food a month to any who are hungry; drug addicts, prostitutes, homeless people and more.

I first met Ryan when he became my Pastor in 2013. He is someone full of passion to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the poor and needy. Today Ryan is the Director of Edification and Philanthropy with Edify, an amazing ministry helping Christian schools in third world countries be successful.

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