

## Dear Friend of COC,

I hope you are having a blessed summer so far. It's been busy for me!

Lots of company, BBQ's, family time and serving with Circle of Concern.

## UPDATE ON JOSE CARLOS

I am so happy to report that the little boy in Tijuana that we have been helping, Jose Carlos, had his surgery July 3rd to repair his intestine and remove his colostomy bag. IT WAS 100% SUCCESSFUL and he is doing great! Thank you for your prayers and your donations. Cynthia, Jose's mom, sent us this text message thanking all of us who gave. God is so good! We have loved being a part of helping this sweet family to given them a brighter future.

Our next step is finding stable housing for the family. They currently are "squatting" on a property that will be demolished soon. Our original idea was to build onto Grandma's house a room that could accommodate Cynthia, her 13 year old daughter and Jose Carlos, but complications have arisen that have put that on pause. We are now considering other options, such as renting an apartment until Cynthia has found work and able to afford rent, or relocating the family to a ministry that could provide job training and other support. We appreciate your prayers that God would open the perfect door for the family.

## NOVEMBER MEXICO MISSIONS TRIP

Our November 9-13, 2023 Bucerias trip is almost full. We have room for 1 or 2 more couples. If you are interested in coming, I need to hear from you ASAP.

If you are not able to come, would you consider a donation to help with ministry supplies for us to bring? We also have two missionaries coming with us that need support towards their trip. Thank you for considering helping. **Donate online at [circleoc.com/ministrysupplies](https://circleoc.com/ministrysupplies) or send a check with Bucerias on your memo.**

## MISSIONARY VISITS TO THE DEGRAFF'S HOUSE

We have some of our partners visiting us this year! Pastors Nathan and Laura Cole from Leon, Mexico will be here the first part of August. We look forward to hosting them, and plan to have a "Meet & Greet" at our home on the evening of August 9. **You are invited!** The Coles have planted a thriving church in an "unchurched" area of Mexico. If you are interested in joining for a fun evening of food and fellowship, let me know.

Towards the end of October, Donald Kamese who is ministering in Guanajauto Mexico will be visiting us for a few days. Donald is reaching the Circle of Silence where very few Christians exist. We will also plan another COC evening with Donald. We love hosting our partners!

A few weeks ago Keith and Maya Durkin were able to spend some time with us which was such a blessing. We were able to visit our dear George Wakeling together. George continues to be so supportive to COC and we love that he is still such a big part.

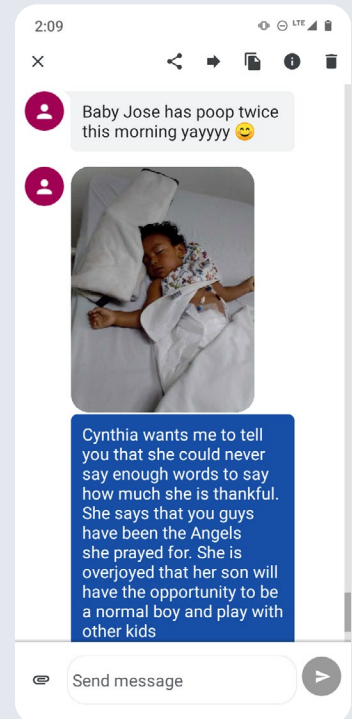
Lastly, we look forward to August 26 when the COC team will serve in Zona Norte with Mexico Red, the Durkin's ministry to street kids, the homeless, drug addicts and prostitutes. It's always an honor to serve "the least of these."

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

Blessings to you,



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*Message from family of  
Jose Carlos*

# 1-DAY OUTREACH TO ZONA NORTE, TIJUANA



**SATURDAY • AUGUST 26, 2023**  
Meet at the border at 8am. Home by dinner.

Feed the community, first aid medical service, crafts for kids, minor repairs. We will serve with our partners of Mexico Red (mxred.org). Email [carol@circleoc.com](mailto:carol@circleoc.com) or sign up at [circleoc.com/tijuana](http://circleoc.com/tijuana)

## IT TAKES A TEAM!

These people deserve a special shout out for their help with Jose Carlos. You guys made all the difference!

**Hugh Margesson**      **Brenda and Eloy Parres**  
**Delaney Driscoll**      **Frank and Jeanette Hoehn**  
**Dr. Ramon Gonzales**

Want to volunteer? We need the following help:

- Storage space of about 1,200 square feet
- a donated truck or cargo van
- someone to make phone calls for donations of medical supplies and equipment

Contact [carol@circleoc.com](mailto:carol@circleoc.com) if you can help.



## HERO SPOTLIGHT MEET ATTICUS

I have known Atticus since he was 1 day old. He is now 9! His parents, Tommy and Alyssa Welty serve on the COC Board of Directors and Tommy is also our pastor. They have been on many missions trips with COC and are always ready to serve.

I recently learned that Atticus set up a lemonade stand in front of his house to help raise money for little Jose Carlos' surgery. Atticus told me he wanted to help because he knew Jose Carlos was in pain. Isn't it great to know Jose Carlos won't be in pain any longer! Way to go Atticus!!!

This \$30 he raised is my favorite gift of the year.

- Carol

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