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*"Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land." Proverbs 25:25*

Dear friends and family,

A big GRACIAS to so many of you all over the western U.S. whom we were privileged to visit on our "road trip" during the month of February! YOU are our good news and we were weary souls! We experienced God's provision first hand, over and over while we were on the road visiting, sharing, promoting, expressing gratefulness, and raising funds...



As we were invited into homes, small groups and churches to share, we were showered with expressions of "cold water." Our first stop was Orange, California. We then traveled up to the Bay area, then on to Medford, Oregon, up to the Portland area and Newberg, OR, over to Idaho at Blackfoot and Filer, down to Reno/Sparks, Nevada, and finally Phoenix and Queen's Creek, Arizona! We put close to 5,000 miles on our faithful little car!



In between the many times of formal sharing we were privileged to spend many sweet moments with supporters, family and dear friends. We thank the Lord for YOU!...for each of you who welcomed us in and gave us so much more than a glass of "cold water." We returned home blessed and energized!

We returned to Ensenada and jumped right in to ministry! On that first Saturday we were privileged to attend two weddings for people that we walked with in pre-marital counseling! Then on Sunday, we welcomed Potter's Clay from Westmont College who come every year. Their activities are coordinated by our Pastor and so we were privileged to translate for and lead three large international services throughout the week. Pablo was a genius on the sound equipment as he regulated musicians and singers from our music group and Westmont! We also were hosts to six "daughters" for two nights of "home-stay!" During the weekdays, both of us were assigned to the medical/dental clinics.



Waiting to be seen by the dentist

We traveled to five different locations. Pablo was placed in medical triage and I was with the dental team.

We both translated and were involved in the "intake" of patients.



Pablo and the intake line for doctors!

Then again this week, we held a one-day dental clinic at our church! Dr. Luke Murphy, whom we met at the sweet age of 9 years old when he came to Mexico to serve with his daddy, came down with his dad, mom, his wife and three children to continue the legacy of a heart for missions that has been sown in him. This was his first experience doing dentistry in Mexico and the heart that

we saw at 9 years of age continued to love on people through his healing touch as an adult. We are excited for future mission trips with more of his colleagues and staff!



When asked recently what I like about working with the med/dent teams that come throughout the year, I said that it is truly amazing to watch as peoples' physical bodies are touched and healed through the provision of medical treatment, and I love to be a part of that process. Be it in listening and comforting, holding the hands of the elderly or of the children as they wait with fear and anticipation at being seen, cheering as I see treatment received and smiling faces as they leave with their teeth fixed, or medical questions answered, prescription in hand to continue the healing process at home, stylish glasses that are their correct prescription... praying *with* people that are carrying heavy loads of worry and troubled lives...praying *for* people as they are being touched by healing hands... The whole process is absolutely amazing!



And now, in just a few days, on April 3<sup>rd</sup> we leave for Cuba! The Holy Spirit continues to provide opportunities for us to reach the goal of providing discipleship training in all 16 provinces of "Cuba for Christ" over the next 3-5 years.

We expect 200 pastors and leaders to attend this "Train The Trainers" Conference, so they can implement the DTI model of discipleship in their churches. **A milestone will occur this time as the Cuban trainers will assume more teaching responsibilities, so only three DTI team members are traveling to Cuba; Pablo and I, and our fearless leader, Frank Meitz!** We are praying for intensive discipleship and spiritual growth to explode throughout the Guantánamo province (and Cuba) due to the work of the Holy Spirit, thus preparing the way for the next conference.

### How you can partner with us as you pray:

- For this ambitious vision God has put on our hearts, and that we seek His direction and not plan in our own human understanding.
- That God will prepare the hearts of the pastors and leaders attending to be open to what He has prepared for them.
- For finances for the Cuban pastors (\$20 each) which pays for their lodging, meals and transportation. (They do not have the money to pay their own way.) **Total is \$4,000.** (200 pastors X \$20).
- For the DTI trainers' preparation and finances (about \$1,525/ person).
- For continued openness from the Cuban government for our teaching, and that the Cuban religious visas will arrive in time.
- For the Cuban trainers' preparation as they assume more teaching responsibility which means only three DTI trainers are needed.



Thank you again for being the hosts of "good news" and serving weary souls... Please pray for us as we do the same as we travel to Cuba to "train the trainers" and hold up the arms of weary souls – serving them so that they in turn can be strengthened and energized to continue to work that has been given to them in such a spiritually arid land.

Please also pray for all of the daily things that happen here in Ensenada as we are gone for two weeks...more news when we return!!



*Pablo & Martha*