



# The Mountains Will Move . . . Matthew 17:20

## The Ventura Lewis Family (Buky & Theresa)

### Serving with Mexican Medical at La Esperanza

#### Final Dental Clinic of 2010

Clinic La Esperanza brought 2010 to a close with a dental clinic with Dr. Manary on December 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Even during the holidays people were anxious to get their teeth worked on. Dr. Manary was very committed to his patients because he was only scheduled to work until 6pm on the first day, but he stayed working until 11:30pm. Dr. Manary praised God for the strength he was given to finish seeing all of his patients that had been waiting all day to see him.

Keyla, a 5-year-old, needed to have her front baby teeth pulled out because they were very decayed and infected. Performing an extraction on a child can be very difficult, but Keyla cooperated and allowed Dr. Manary to complete the work. Later that night, Keyla

came up to Dr. Manary smiling to show him her mouth.

Another patient that came in was a 10-year-old boy whose front teeth hadn't come in yet. It was likely that his baby teeth had been infected and had not been removed in time, which resulted in thick gum tissue that was preventing his front teeth from coming in. Dr. Manary was able to carve and shape the boy's gum tissue to expose the front teeth. This work prevented the boy from having major problems with the positioning of his front teeth. The boy and his mother were very grateful for the work Dr. Manary had done.

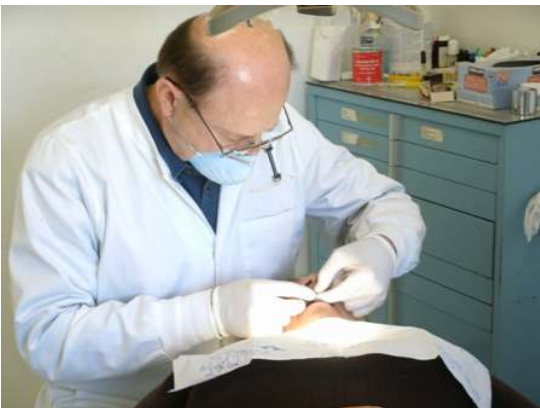
#### Bringing in the New Year

Although we were a little disappointed that Buky couldn't come to the states for Christmas, we were so thankful to have my parents come visit us from Oregon in time for New Year's! It was a last-minute trip, and it sure helped make the holiday even more enjoyable.

#### Gabriel House Dental Care

I (Theresa) returned to the Gabriel House at the beginning of February to help out with the dental clinic. My sister-in-law, Karla, came with me for the first time to help out. It's always nice to get other

people involved in one of my passions! There was a dentist, hygienist, and a few assistants working on the



Above: Dr. Manary works on a patient at the clinic. To the left: Dr. Manary makes a home visit to his 10-year-old patient to make sure that his front teeth were doing well after surgery.



To the left: Sergio happily waits for his dental cleaning.



To the left:  
Jan holds  
one of the  
boys  
during his  
dental visit.



Above: The church is filled with youth at our conference in January.

children's teeth, as well as an anesthesiologist for those children that needed to be under for their dental work to be completed. Thirty-two children received dental care that day. We kept busy bringing the children over for their appointments and keeping them company while they waited. This is such an important ministry because these children would most likely not receive any dental care if these volunteers did not come.



To the left:  
Jose and  
Karla watch  
as one of the  
boys gets his  
teeth  
cleaned.

## Preparing a Harvest of Youth in San Quintin Valley

Once a month the youth groups in our area get together for one big service. In January, we hosted the event at our church (Iglesia Hermosa). Since Buky is the youth pastor, he was responsible for coordinating the event. The church was completely packed that night! A visiting evangelist preached about our value in the Lord's eyes and His purposes in our lives. Afterwards, many of the youth came to the altar to pray, which was followed up by an amazing time of worship! After the service, we served a snack, and were so blessed to see that the youth didn't leave right

away, but stayed to talk and connect with people from other churches.

Buky and I have become involved with the committee of youth pastors from the southern region of the San Quintin Valley that meet monthly. At our last meeting, one of the leaders from the northern region came and shared their vision for the youth of the Valley to be united and participate in events together. We have already started to plan the events of this next year, including a sports day on the beach with volleyball, soccer, and races. Although these events will be bigger and require more work to organize, we pray that ultimately they would draw more young people, especially those that might feel uncomfortable attending a church service, so that they can be introduced to Jesus Christ.

## Men's Group Branches Out

For awhile it seemed like the men's group at our church might disappear altogether, but it has been amazing to see how this ministry has grown since this last summer. Abel, a new Christian and one of Buky's best friends from grade school, became the leader of the group. Buky and a few other men have come alongside Abel to help him. They have been thinking outside of the box with this ministry. In the summer, they would fish from the beach, catch their meal, and have a devotional around the fire. They have come together for coffee and cookies on Sunday mornings to

encourage each other in their walk with the Lord. They have now expanded into outreach. A few weeks ago, the men went to the house of a recent widow from the church who has been taking care of her father. They poured a slab of concrete at her house to make a ramp for her father that is in a wheelchair. They are also starting to raise money to buy

especially since Buky has never been on an airplane before. The process in Juarez normally takes about a week. We are trusting that the Lord will not only



Above: The men's group stands proudly behind the ramp that they made for Lupe's disabled father.



provide financially for this trip, but that He will go before us and protect us on our journey.

To the left: Theresa talks with one of the patients who is waiting for the dentist.

equipment for the worship band. The most important thing about all of these unique times of fellowship and service to the Lord is that their group is growing in size and they are growing in their faith in the process.

### Prayer Requests

- That we could have intimate time with God.
- That God would direct our ministry each day and that it would bear fruit for His glory.
- That God would prepare the way for our trip to Juarez.

### Upcoming Ministry Events

February 27th-March 4th: School Health Fair Outreach in San Vicente

March 26th-April 2nd: Caravan team coming from Helena, Montana

### When can Buky come to the states?

Well, we don't know yet, but what we do know is that in three to four months, Buky will have an interview at the consulate in Juarez. This will be a big trip for us,



To the left: Buky and a new friend at a medical outreach in San Vicente.

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