



Health Fairs in and around Loreto, B.C.S.

REPORT FOR

WEEKENDER TEAM – May 27-30, 2011



While we've been going into the Santa Rosalía State Prison for the past 4-5 years, this time it was different. Following the elections this year in Baja California Sur many changes have taken place. It's the practice here that along with political changes, many administrative positions change with a new government. So the Prison has a new Director - and this could have meant that we would've been prevented from continuing our ministry in this Prison, but thankfully we were invited to return.

The new Director showed us into many areas of the Prison that we'd not been before, and he's encouraged us to come back in 6 months and at that time to take note of the many changes he has and is about to make.

During the weekend we learned that the Director has no training or experience at all in the penal system. He was an administrator for the Pepsi Cola Company, and because he is a friend of the new Governor he has been given this position as Director of the Prison... We also learned as we left the prison this past Sunday that one of the changes that he has already made is to disallow the churches (Protestant and Catholic), from continuing the services that they had been providing in the Prison. This has been a set-back and a real discouragement to many of the inmates, and in their words they say that they are 'suffering' as a result. They need our prayers!

However, not knowing the above, I felt particularly led of the Lord to ask if we could start each day with a meeting of instruction to the workers and those who would be helping us - this would include our Team, the Director and some of his staff. And I explained I would be presenting in these meetings, why we were coming to the Prison and how we would conduct our Health Fair. The Director was glad to agree to such meetings. So I shared from Matthew 25:31-46 and Philippians 1:12-13, the importance of allowing Christians from the outside to visit and to help meet the prisoners needs as

much as possible. And I said this is a directive from Jesus Christ, who will one day be our Judge... I also shared that it is only when Jesus Christ enters a man's heart that he will truly be changed, so that he will not repeat his crimes... What an opportunity! How wonderful to be led by the Holy Spirit, at such a time...

The Director not only heard what I said, but he is thinking about what I shared - I know this because he commented to others during the weekend about what I shared. Also he thanked me for what I had shared, and said it would be a help to him as he set up his new plans for the prison... And then he gave us a letter on the Prison's letterhead, after our first day, stating how glad he was to have us there and thanked us for "our support, our blessings and our friendship...", and then invited us back two times each year... Following which he had all of our vehicles washed before we left, and then gave us all a key chain imprinted with *Gracias*".

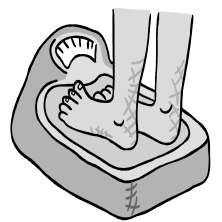
In my opinion the new Director's heart is open to the things of the Lord, but he needs further direction from local godly men he can trust. Please pray for this...

Pray for four of the inmates that our doctors saw who need operations - pray that in the system, they will get what they need, and that they will get it soon...

Pray for the Christians in the prison that they will be able to accept 'things' as new plans for the prison are implemented. Pray that they will be able to show the new Director and his staff, and the other inmates as well the difference that Jesus Christ makes in their lives...

Pray for Fernando, who is acting as a Pastor in the prison - he will likely be released this year and the other prisoners do not want to see him go. And pray for the man who will be appointed in his place...

And pray for us too as we plan to return to the Prison in November - pray for our Team, and that we will have all the supplies needed to do this twice each year...



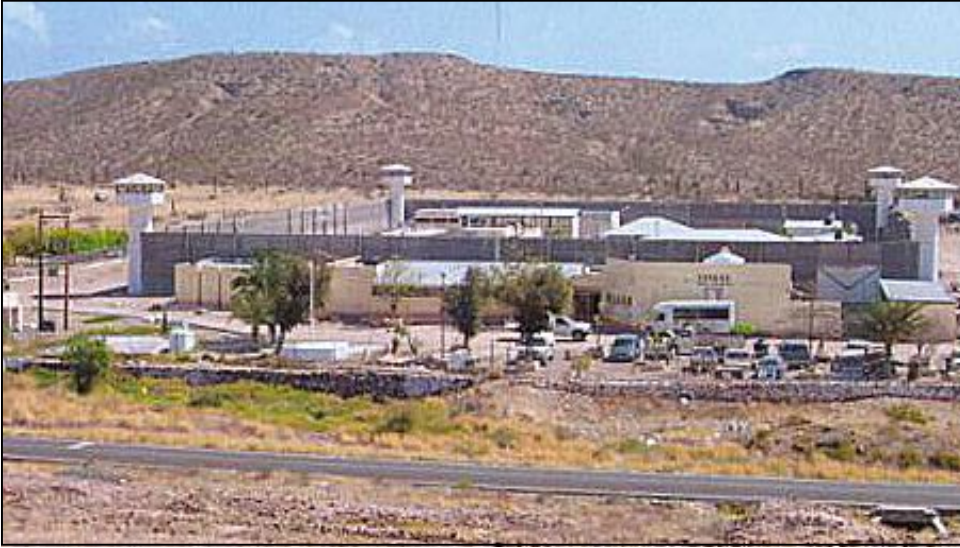
STATISTICS FOR 2 HEALTH FAIRS

Saturday & Sunday, May 28-29, 2011

Location:	Prison in Santa Rosalía — Director, Fidel González Martínez	
Statistics:	Total in attendance: 112+	People treated: 81
	• Dentists...	28
	• Doctors...	37
	• Glasses...	22
	• Prayed to receive Christ...	?
	• Others counseled/prayed for...	many...



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This is the Prison in Santa Rosalía..., and the Director asked Don to go up one of the towers to view the entire facility...



Even in the Prison Don began each day with a message from the Bible to the workers , and then we prayed as a group...



Our dental trailer was inside the outer wall of the Prison...



Dentist Yxchel and Assistant Gloria work hard, but with a smile...

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Martha registered each man and then gave them a Gospel of John and a couple of tracts - and in some cases had time to personally share Christ with them as well... Delores took everyone's blood sugar..., and Sonia took everyone's blood pressure...



We were glad to have Dr. Avila from Cabo San Lucas and Dr. Tamez from Tijuana. Both doctors (while watched over by the guards), were able to take all the time needed to help each man with their physical needs, as well as to be able to give them spiritual counsel...



Suzy checked the inmates and the guard's eyes and gave them glasses as needed, and in the consultations she asked each one what his concerns were, and then prayed with each man according to his needs... The Director of the Prison is in the checkered shirt...

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Inside this Prison there's a church building; and the churches on the outside appoint the most spiritual Christian among the prisoners to be the pastor... 'Pastor' Fernando (seen left) will finish his 10 year sentence this year - pray for him and who will replace him...



In the church service on Sunday, Don encouraged and challenged the men..., and then Dr. Tamez gave the message of the day...

This month's team is seen here enjoying tacos after one of the days of service in the Santa Rosalía Prison. → → → →

- Please pray for all the men we saw - inmates & guards...
- Pray especially for our brothers in prison who believe they are 'suffering' for Jesus at this time..., and pray for the testimony these brothers have on all of the others there...
- Pray for 'Pastor Fernando' as he provides leadership to the Christian inmates...
- Pray for who ever will be his successor...
- Pray that other Christians will be able to again come into the Prison to lead Bible studies and Church services...
- Pray for the new Director Fidel González - especially as he sets up his new programs for the Prison...



Thank you so much again for your prayers and support for this wonderful ministry, because many people are being blessed physically and spiritually as a result. Thank you!