

2018 Annual Report

Mexican Medical Ministries



*Bringing Healing and Hope
Since 1962*



Advancing the Gospel through Love



This year has been very turbulent worldwide, and in Mexico was no exception. Mexico faced many problems nationally and it did have some impact on Mexican Medical. In response to certain issues, the Mexican government raised the building code standards for all public buildings. In light of that, we raised three-quarters of the funds needed to renovate Hospital El Buen Pastor in San Quintín. Construction started in the early summer and is ongoing. The operating rooms have remained open during the project; in 2017, 552 surgeries were performed.

The need for health fairs continues to grow, and, in response, more teams have been formed. We are happy to report that these events continue to make a deep spiritual impact on communities. When given the opportunity to have team members pray for individuals, hundreds of folks are grateful for the spiritual care. Through this ministry, well over 1,800 people gave their lives to Christ in 2017.

The Karsgaards, our missionaries based in Loreto, have shifted from community health fairs to providing medical and dental care in two different prisons. Their teams minister in the prisons in La Paz and Santa Rosalía. Because of the healthcare, Don is also able to share the gospel and Bibles at both locations.

Missionary Gary Sheveland branched out from southern Baja to mainland Mexico, conducting seminary-level classes for pastors. In every location where he has worked, pastors from multiple denominations have gathered, all hungry for ongoing training in different aspects of ministry leadership. On some occasions, Gary has also been assisted by Mexican Medical missionary Vince Trujillo, from the Theological Seminary of Baja California (in Tecate).

Our base in Palenque continues to function as a clinic for general medicine and also as a facility for monthly eye surgery clinics. Pastor Diego and his whole family, including grandchildren, remain faithful in their daily testimony and minister through health fairs throughout the region.

From the border in Tijuana to the tip of the Baja peninsula in Cabo San Lucas, teams have joined our national missionaries in conducting health fairs. We see enormous turn-outs every other month in Tijuana and almost weekly in southern Baja, thanks to the faithful leadership of the Peralta and Ávila families.

We thank all of our generous partners for supplying the seed so we could plant and harvest for the glory of God.

–Pastor Steve Crews, President

Your 2018 Accomplishments

<p>Dental Consultations</p> <p>1269</p>  <p> US Volunteers: 1269  Mexico Volunteers: 0</p>	<p>Medical Consultations</p> <p>9848</p>  <p> US Volunteers: 7419  Mexico Volunteers: 2429</p>	<p>Surgeries Performed</p> <p>499</p>  <p> US Volunteers: 12  Mexico Volunteers: 487</p>
<p>Haircuts</p> <p>626</p>  <p> US Volunteers: 546  Mexico Volunteers: 80</p>	<p>Decisions for Christ</p> <p>1925</p>  <p> US Volunteers: 1853  Mexico Volunteers: 72</p>	<p>Podiatry Consultations</p> <p>444</p>  <p> US Volunteers: 406  Mexico Volunteers: 38</p>
<p>Reading Glasses</p> <p>2792</p>  <p> US Volunteers: 324  Mexico Volunteers: 2450</p>	<p>Children's Health Fair Education</p> <p>2236</p>  <p> US Volunteers: 1768  Mexico Volunteers: 468</p>	<p>Hearing Aids</p> <p>27</p>  <p> US Volunteers: 27  Mexico Volunteers: 0</p>

Healing and Hope

The Bible is full of stories of the power of Jesus healing people physically & emotionally, resulting in those people committing their life to Him. In learning from Jesus' life, our goal is the same: bringing healing & hope, so that people know Jesus as their Savior. That was the goal 56 years ago when we started, and is still in effect today.

We were able to witness firsthand how God changes lives. In April of this year, we returned to a community where we had done a health fair the previous year. There were two ladies that came to volunteer with us this year.

At the end of the day they shared with us that they had come to the outreach for medical care the previous year. After receiving their care they went to the prayer tent where they learned about Jesus' love for them, and they prayed to receive Christ as their Savior. Now, here they were, a year later, to give back and to share Jesus with others. They had been attending church and growing in their new faith over the past year. Now, they came back to serve.

While we don't get to hear every story of lives that are changed, we do know that healing was taken to the people of Mexico through community health outreaches in urban settings, rural villages, and growing communities that are starting with cardboard shacks. Healthcare was given by Americans, Canadians, and Mexicans. Surgical care was given by American surgeons visiting Mexico as well as through the Mexican hospitals that we partner with. Those hospitals are dedicated to sharing the good news of the Gospel with the patients that they care for.

God is moving, calling people to Himself. The churches in Mexico are growing and reaching out to their communities. Volunteers visiting Mexico, offering their gifts and talents, are an encouragement to the local believers so that they, in turn, are doing outreaches on their own, when there are no foreign volunteers to assist them.

While things around us change, the love of Jesus remains the same. Our desire to share His love with everyone who comes to us for healthcare is in the forefront of the medical team activities. The result is that we saw people healed, believers encouraged, and lives changed physically, emotionally, and spiritually.



-Kristi Libby, Medical Services Coordinator

The Power of Connection

We are truly grateful to have had 1,341 Mexican, American, and Canadian volunteers serve alongside our missionaries this year. Naturally, all 1,341 individuals were each created with a unique set of physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual interests. It's truly humbling to recognize that God purposefully directed these 1,341 individuals through a process of aligning each of their worldviews and values towards the behavior, or act of, serving with us this year in Mexico. We continue to be amazed how God brings together just the right number of people with the right skill sets needed on each team in order to fulfill His purposes.

Most often our volunteers use their skills in a manner they anticipated, such as a volunteer surgeon coming down to do surgery or a carpenter doing construction. But sometimes, God uses our volunteers in ways they could never have anticipated or expected, such as finding themselves quietly sharing encouraging words to a new friend in Mexico who is currently struggling with a unique life situation that he/she had similarly struggled with. Sometimes it's a personal struggle that no one on the team knew about, but God knew and created a divine appointment as an act of love and encouragement. It's in those unscheduled moments and encounters that we see God most at work and we are in awe of it.

As we continue to fulfill our purpose of bringing healing and hope to Mexico by meeting the combined medical, physical and spiritual needs of those before us, we want to thank you, our partners in ministry, for praying, providing and serving. We are truly honored to report that through our actions of simply loving God and loving others 1,925 people came forward to personally submit their lives to Jesus as their Savior this year in our little corner of His Kingdom.

–Craig Libby, Caravan Coordinator



Adrián (center) was born tongue-tied, and received healing and hope by receiving surgery at Hospital El Buen Pastor to free his tongue



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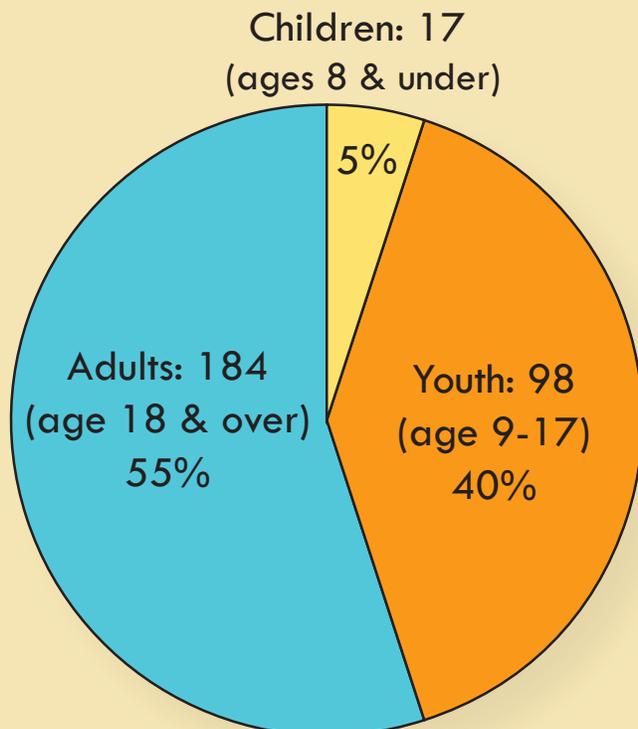
We praise God for the 335 people who came on the 15 teams that served on mission trips with us in 2017. We are receiving reports from our caravan leaders of significant and sustained spiritual growth back home from those who served on a team with us this past year. We have observed that God is honoring the faith that it takes now to go to Mexico and blessing those who step out in faith to come and serve.

The 2017 caravan teams served diligently towards our theme of "Merciful Love - Nothing More - Nothing Less." Their ministries addressed immediate community health needs as well as provided education needed for a healthier lifestyle, serving as preventative care to hundreds of people this year. They supported local churches in VBS/children's evangelism programs, sports programs, and film ministries resulting in hundreds of adults receiving Jesus and giving over 3,000 children the opportunity to hear the Good News of salvation. Many churches in Mexico report sustained growth in their congregations due to the efforts of our caravan teams.

We received the following evaluation response from a caravan participant this summer: "This was one of the most impactful events for my family. Each family member has grown in their love for God and love for others by serving with Mexican Medical Ministries."

-Craig Libby, Caravan Coordinator

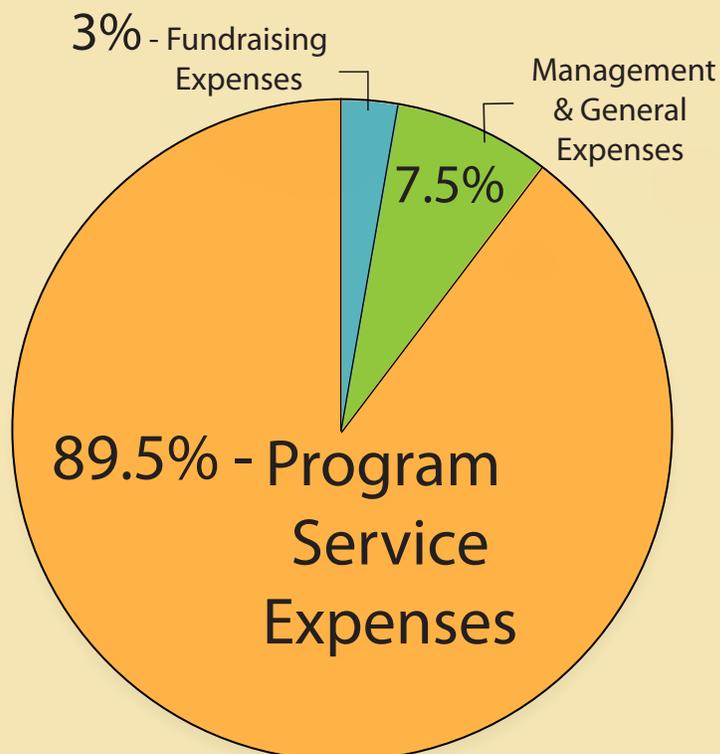
Total Caravan Volunteers for 2018: 335





Financial Summary 2018

Mexican Medical seeks to honor both God and our financial supporters by faithfully stewarding our resources. Two of the ways that we accomplish this is by distributing 100% of all designated and missionary support funds without subtracting a portion to cover administrative costs and by receiving an annual financial review conducted by a peer-reviewed auditor.



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Below are pictures from Mexican Medical's June missions trip to Cuba, where the team ministered to at-risk seniors & children.



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