



Wings of the Eagle, Inc.

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Many new and exciting developments are happening with the work of Wings of the Eagle in Baja California, Mexico. Thank you, partners, for helping us to make these things possible.

New arrivals

In early January, Pastor Frank and Detra were visited by some new arrivals from the state of Chiapas, in Southern Mexico—a family of 18 people, mostly children. They walked about three miles from their camp, because they had heard that “the people who love” would help them when they arrived. The weather was very cold, and they were given warm blankets, coats, hats, and scarves, as well as some staple foods (rice, beans, flour and eggs). A supply of these staple foods, as well as oatmeal and soy milk, is kept on hand for needy families. This is a part of the ongoing feeding ministry, in addition to the meals served at the feeding center during the week.

The new family went away feeling loved and blessed (Charlie drove them home), and since that time, they have become involved in the other ministry activities at the church and Bible study at the camp. They had a real spiritual hunger as well as a physical hunger, and several received the Gospel and Jesus as their Savior.

Adult education sessions begin!

In mid-January, something new that we have hoped to bring about for some time, happened in an unexpected way. Detra spoke to Dr. Norma Prado, her Mexican physician, about the WOE monthly medical clinic and the need for teaching on preventive health subjects to the indigenous people. Dr. Norma then volunteered her



Dr. Norma Prado teaches the indigenous women about family relationships and their identity in Christ

services to teach classes to the indigenous women on a regular basis. Since that time, she has not only taught classes herself, but she brought other healthcare workers (Christian doctors and nurses) along to help. These classes have been very well attended and the women listen attentively.

We are very excited about this, because they are learning about subjects such as cervical cancer detection, prenatal care for pregnant women, breastfeeding and the care of newborns, prevention and treatment of diarrhea, and other relevant topics like addictions, domestic violence, and personal relationships, sexuality and marriage. Norma also plans to educate regarding vaccines, and offer vaccines to those who need them. All these services are being done on a volunteer basis, which is a real blessing and an answer to prayer.

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2x monthly clinics!

Dr. Dulce Martinez, our clinic physician, feels that more could be done to help the clinic patients in terms of improved follow-up and treatment, by holding the clinic twice monthly. We have been waiting for the right opportunity to do this and agree that it would be beneficial, so she will begin to see patients at our clinic twice a month, starting this month.



Dr. Dulce Martinez examines a baby

Another exciting development that is just starting is literacy classes for the indigenous women who desire to learn to read and write. Most of these women lack education and can therefore only get jobs that are low-paying, and usually very strenuous. Being able to read and write will open up many doors for them and help to release them from the cycle of poverty and being at the bottom of society. Two volunteers have come forward to teach the literacy classes, starting this week. Again, we are so thankful that God has brought people

Visit report

Two of our board members, Ted and Debbie Wheeler, recently visited Pastor Frank and Detra and the work in Baja to evaluate needs and discuss plans for the future. The following is a short report by Debbie:

In March my husband, Ted and I visited Brechas del Mirador and stayed with Pastor Frank and Detra Avila. It was a real privilege to spend a few days on the "front lines" with these fine people who are pouring their very lives into these poorest of the poor.

We brought more than a thousand dollars worth of medical supplies with us to be used in the clinic. The supplies were donated by Hands of Hope Northwest, Inc. where I serve as Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator (www.handsofhopenw.org).

We met Dr. Dulce Martinez and witnessed a clinic day. Fifteen patients were seen that day, most of them infants and toddlers brought in by their mothers, some of whom were as young as 13 years old! Many of the children have respiratory infections because their mothers cook over an open fire right inside their one room shack. Additionally, three girls with serious eye problems were identified and will be referred for further treatment.

The women are also being educated about hygiene, infant care, and the importance of health screening, as well as helping them understand their identity in Christ, and how that can have a real impact on the issues they face every day. Dr. Norma Prado is teaching these classes every two weeks. While the mothers are in class, the children are taught Bible verses and songs.

Detra reports that 32 women just attended the class on newborn care and prevention of diarrhea. In addition to the women, there were 54 children to take care of during the hour long session. Dania, one of the clinic helpers, has a real gift for teaching the children.



This migrant camp is nearby the clinic. The Wheelers said these are some of the worst living conditions they have seen, surpassing even those of the squatter settlements in Manila.

Prayer needs

As always, we are very grateful for your support, as this ministry could not continue without your help. We sincerely appreciate you all so much. We also believe in the power of prayer, and we request that you pray for these needs:

- Pastor Frank's continued healing—he is recovering well from his injuries of last Oct. but still has quite a bit of pain.
- The volunteer teachers and the indigenous women learning new skills and concepts.
- Financial provision for ministry needs, including a new generator that is urgently needed.

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Ted & Debbie Wheeler with some mission kids

Ted is working on some video highlights of the visit. Watch for it on Wings of the Eagle's website.