



Trip Results

Bethel Mennonite Church
Tijuana, Mexico
July 1-15, 2007

Project Objectives:

To facilitate a short-term team that will come and show the love and compassion of Jesus by partnering with Pastor Sergio and helping with building renovations at the Cristo Centro Church; as well, to food security and children's outreach events for the surrounding community.

Team:

There were 23 team members from Bethel as well as Pete Sattler and Corrina Stasich from HFL.

Completed Objectives:

The team accomplished the following:

- > 1 accommodation building and 1 bathroom facility built on the Cristo Centro Church property
- > 1 front door overhang built onto the Cristo Centro Church building
- > 1 set of stairs built onto the side of Pastor Sergio's home
- > 3 days at the Siempre Para Los Ninos orphanage with a hot dog lunch served on the third day
- > 1 Carnival/Rally event for the families in the Franciso Zarco area with 87 bags of basic food supplies distributed (canned tuna, soup cups, rice, beans, sugar, oil)

The bathroom facility was built with 2 toilets, a sink and a shower with a hot water heater installed as well. The Carnival/Rally event was preceded and followed by home visits and a distribution of used clothing (approximately 200 lbs) that was collected from Cristo Centro Church members. During the Rally, over 60 people responded to the gospel of Jesus Christ and Pastor Sergio prayed for healing for about 40 people. The team also had an evening with Pastor Sergio and his family to hear his testimony and about his ministry in Tijuana. The evening before they left, the team was invited to share in a farewell barbeque hosted by the Cristo Centro Church members, which ended in a time of prayer and thanksgiving.

Testimonials:

"[The trip] taught me lessons about the life of the poor and how they don't have much but can still be so happy and friendly."

"Before I left, I had a pretty good idea of what to expect in terms of poverty, but once we arrived, seeing how happy they were ... was heavily impacting."

"I now realize that no matter how well off you are in terms of money, in some circumstances, its better to not have money, so you can spend more time loving rather than wanting."