

“Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we ask or
imagine, according to his power that is
at work within us...” Ephesians 3:20



San Carlos, México

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The Team



Casa de Esperanza

We got to stay the week at the mission known as the “House of Hope”. Every morning before leaving for the clinic, we gathered as a group for devotions (bottom right).



Cindy, Brenda & Juan Carlos

Cindy (middle), our team leader, with Brenda, our host at *Casa de Esperanza* and Juan Carlos, who works with Brenda.

Brenda and her staff made us delicious Mexican meals all week!



A tray of desserts awaiting us :)





La Montaña

La Montaña, the church in Guaymas (pronounced Y-muss) where we set up clinic.

Loading up to make the 20 minute drive to the clinic in Guaymas.



Setting Up Clinic



The Clinic

Below, a line of patients await us one morning.



Top right – All week, our patients waited very patiently for their turn, and expressed their gratitude for being seen.

Bottom right – Young people at *La Montaña* perform a drama for the patients.



Bev Medical Histories



Above, Bev working with her interpreter, Angela, to take down the patient's medical history.



On the left, Bev and Ann at the history table.

Jeff & Deana Visual Acuities



Jeff and Deana
determined how
well the patients
could see before
correction.



Colin & Greg

The Focometer



Above, Colin uses the focometer to estimate the patients' prescription.

On the left, Greg explains to the patient how to use the focometer.

Dave & Laverne



Dave and Laverne took blood pressure and blood sugar readings on the patients, and discussed the importance of controlling high levels.

Dr. Dave & Phil

Phil interpreted throughout the week for Dr. Dave, who is seen talking with and performing retinoscopy on patients.



Dr. Tony

Top right – Dr. Tony uses the BIO to evaluate the health of the patient's eye.

Bottom right – making sure the patients' eyes are okay to receive dilating drops.



Above, Dr. Tony takes a pressure measurement.



Jamie & Ann



Ann interpreted for Jamie throughout the week.



Jamie explaining her next test to a patient.



Brittany



Above, Brittany performs direct ophthalmoscopy and retinoscopy (top right) on patients.

Bottom right – Brittany and Jamie working with their patients.



The Dispensing Team



Katy, Faith, Vicki, Troy & Dan



Katy helping a patient.



Vicki
searching for
a prescription.



Dan posing with a patient who received a pair of glasses.



Above, Faith & her little interpreter figuring out what the patient needs.

Faith & Troy waiting for a patient; Ann steps over to help out in the dispensing area (far right).



Paul & Darrell



Paul & Darrell discussed patients' experiences going through the clinic, listened to their personal stories, shared the gospel, and prayed with them.

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Teamwork

In the week we spent in San Carlos, we formed strong bonds with our interpreters, patients, and each other.





The patient below (far right) walked in needing a cane, & after being prayed over, walked out without one!



Sunday Church Service



Juan Carlos called anyone who had burdens to come to the front to be prayed over, and several patients who had come to the clinic went forward. Many team members later talked about how touched they were by the scene in spite of not understanding the language being spoken.



Juan Carlos preached his sermon in Spanish & English.



Sunset Cruise

Our day off, Sunday, we were invited to go on a sunset cruise around the bay in San Carlos.



Many pelicans were hanging around the harbor when we arrived!



Cindy, Katy & Faith smiling for the camera.



Leaving the harbor behind.

Enjoying the view!





Top photos – watching the moon come up as the sun went down

We were hoping to spot some dolphins in the bay, but a few sea lions popped up instead (left)!

The Week in Review

- 545 patients were served during the 5 & ½ day clinic
- Over 80 patients were identified for various surgeries, and the team is working with Dr. Barrera, an ophthalmologist in Guaymas, to make the surgeries possible.
- Many patients gave their lives to Christ!
- We saw God's provision throughout the week, such as providing additional interpreters and dilating drops when it looked like we were about to run short.
- There were amazing stories of both emotional and physical healings!