

## The Mission

Fishers of Men is an organization of evangelical Christians whose mission is to glorify God by meeting the basic needs of our neighbor while seeking the integral transformation of that person.



Victor and Julie Zaragoza—Founders and Directors of Fishers of Men

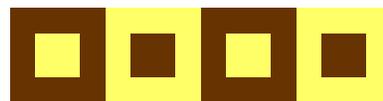
## Be Part of the Mission!

You can partner with Fishers of Men through

- your prayers
- your financial support
- involvement on a mission trip

We look forward to hearing from YOU!

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## The Two Facets of the Mission

### Evangelistic Medical Mission Crusades



### Refuge Ranch

## Evangelistic Medical Mission Crusades

*"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching...preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness." Matthew 9:35*

In a country imprisoned by a national religion permeated with empty rituals and superstitions, Fishers of Men, through medical and dental clinics conducted under the leadership of Victor Zaragoza, provides much needed medical care in remote and poverty-stricken regions of Mexico, while offering the hope and help that



Victor Zaragoza and Dr. Escamilla pray for a patient.

come through a personal faith in Christ. Volunteer doctors, dentists, nurses, dental hygienists, paramedics, children's workers, cooks, hair stylists and general volunteers meet the physical needs of the local population, while sharing the hope found through salvation in Jesus Christ. While waiting for their free prescription, individuals who come for treatment have a one-on-one conversation with a crusade volunteer who shares the message of Christ and offers them the opportunity to accept Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Volunteer children's workers share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the local children through songs, games, crafts, Bible stories and clowning.

Several Evangelistic Medical Mission Crusades (EMMC) occur each year, with teams ranging in size from 10 to 40 volunteers from Mexico,

the United States and Canada. Each crusade takes place in a community that has an active missionary or congregation, in order to ensure effective follow-up and discipleship.

## Refuge Ranch

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19*

A snow-capped volcano and rolling valleys provide the backdrop for a new home and a new beginning for abandoned children in central Mexico. Committed to providing these children with the love, support, structure and freedom found within the context of a family, Victor and Julie, with the help of support staff, seek to raise each child as their own at Refuge Ranch. The love and reality of Christ expressed through everyday family living experiences such as mealtimes, family vacations and traditions, and daily chores, transform the children's hearts and habits, enabling them to become all the Lord wants them to be. Homeschooling aids this process through the use of Christian curriculum and by catering to each child's unique educational needs.



The Zaragoza family currently consists of 18 children. **Angie** and her sister **Diana** came from living in a vacant storefront in Mexico City with their drug-addicted mother. **Mar-tita** and her sister **Lolis** survived the death of their mother as young girls and the abusive conditions of their alcoholic father. **Martha** walked alone from her mountain village seeking treatment at an EMMC. She came home from the crusade with Victor, leaving behind a life of abuse and malnutrition. **Ana** has been part of the family since her birth. While pregnant, Ana's mother, young, impoverished and struggling to raise five children, asked Victor and Julie to take Ana into their home. **Fidel** joined the family after an EMMC, in which Victor discovered Fidel living in a jail cell, having suffered abandonment by all of his relatives. As a toddler, **Daniel** became part of the family when his birth mother abandoned him. A severe congenital heart malformation led to surgery at age 5 resulting in his tragic death. **Jocelin** joined the family upon the death of her single mother, Victor's sister. Siblings, **Fatima, Leo, Miguel, Carolina,** and **David,** joined the family after being abandoned by their mother. **Alejandro** was rescued after being rejected by all of his family members. **Josiah, Caleb** and **Ruth** are Victor and Julie's biological children. God has planted in the hearts of Victor and Julie the vision to continue to expand Refuge Ranch, its facilities and its staff, in order to open the doors to many more abandoned children.

