

Friday Fiesta with Fishers of Men

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Evangelistic Medical Mission Crusades

Looking Back on 2014

Many of you know that the Evangelistic Medical Mission Crusades (EMMC's) are a special tool in our Lord's hands in which He takes volunteer medical personnel, hair stylists, children's workers, and general volunteers to communities throughout Mexico in order to meet the local people's physical and social needs and then share with each of them, on an individual basis, the Gospel message. Fishers of Men carries out both weeklong crusades throughout the year and throughout Mexico, as well as one to three day local crusades in the metropolitan Mexico City area. The tables below share the results of God's grace expressed through the EMMC's in 2014....the results of your giving (each weeklong crusade requires a \$3000 investment in the Kingdom) and your prayers! Thank you!

Full-length Crusade Locations	Date	Persons Attended To	Accepted Christ
Icados, Guerrero	January 6 - 9	577	167
El Coral, Guerrero	February 9-15	760	243
La Frontera, Guerrero	April 11-14	704	167
Morelia, Michoacán	June 9-14	824	122
Vallecitos and La Laja, Guerrero	July 13-19	849	177
Acapulco Guerrero	August 17-23	514	54
Acapulco, Guerrero	September 21-27	651	119
Acapulco, Guerrero	October 19-25	791	139
Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua	November 21-27	880	74
Loma Bonita, Oaxaca	December 14-20	835	99
GRAND TOTAL		7385	1361

EMMC 2014	GRAND TOTAL
Communities Reached	19
People Attended To	8,026
Accepted Christ	1,469



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Local Crusade Locations	Date	Persons Attended To	Accepted Christ
Cd. Nezahualcoyotl	April 26	99	12
Tlapacoya, Ixtapaluca	May 24	151	21
Cd. Nezahualcoyotl	June 28	74	27
Meteppec	August 2	105	12
Santa Clara, Querétaro	September 4 - 6	202	36
GRAND TOTAL		641	108

Check out the 2015 EMMC Calendar included on the bonus page of this edition of the Friday Fiesta!

God has great plans in store for the EMMC's in 2015!

Use the calendar to cover and empower these crusades through your prayers!

Does God want YOU to participate?

We would love to have you! See the contact info on p.2 to reach us and find out more!

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**Looking Ahead with
the EMMC's**

The crusade team pulls out early on Monday, February 9th, for this year's first crusade to the state of Guerrero, outside the capital city of Chilpancingo. Thank you for covering them in prayer! May the Lord's Kingdom here on earth grow this week!

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.

This mission is carried out through two different facets of ministry: Evangelistic Medical Mission Crusades and Refuge Ranch.

Evangelistic Medical Mission Crusades (EMMC) are weeklong crusades, complete with doctors, dentists, hair stylists, children's workers, cooks and general volunteers that seek to meet the physical needs present in poverty-stricken regions throughout Mexico in order to more effectively address the spiritual needs of the people. The Good News of Jesus Christ is shared individually with each person that attends the crusade. Fishers of Men works closely with local churches and missionaries to ensure the follow-up and discipleship of the new believers.



Refuge Ranch is Victor and Julie's home in central Mexico where they welcome in children in need of a forever family. As part of a loving Christian family, the children find the love, nurture, freedom and structure necessary to become all that God wants them to be.



**Refuge Ranch -
Updates Galore!**

We have much to share about all that the Lord has been doing in and about Refuge Ranch!

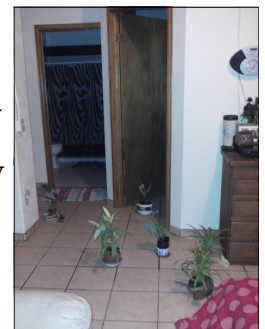
Electrical Project: For several years now we have struggled to find a solution to our shortage of electrical power at the Ranch. In that process, one contractor abandoned the project, the Mexican congress disbanded one of only two electric companies in the nation, requiring an entire restructuring of the electrical infrastructure in the central part of the nation, where we live, and, our local municipality refused to recognize our street as an official street, thereby denying us greater access to electrical power. However, we thank the Lord that He has now provided a solution! We have been able to divide the Ranch's buildings

among six separate electric meters, located 1/4 of a mile from the Ranch, as well as install higher grade electric wire, purchased with generous donor funds designated for this project, in order to more effectively pull the electricity from the nearest transformer to the Ranch. These changes now mean that we do not need to use a gas-powered electrical generator, which was very noisy, to run our washing machines and the TV no longer turns off when the refrigerator kicks in! Thank you to those who donated to this project years ago and for your patience as we searched and searched for a viable solution. All remaining electric project funds will be redistributed to other projects under the guidance of the Board of Directors, including towards the construc-



tion of the main house at Refuge Ranch.

Waterproofing: Waterproofing the flat cement roof of the second building on the ranch, which houses our staff, homeschool classrooms, crusade warehouse and temporary dining room and kitchen, has always been a challenge! In the picture below you will observe staff member, Vero's, creative solution to the roof leaking! Use the leaks to water your house plants! During the last part of this past rainy season, which runs from July through October, that roof appeared much more like a sieve than a roof! So, thanks to a generous anonymous donation, we



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Looking Ahead with Refuge Ranch



Next Sunday, February 15th, our family will be participating in a series of races (100 m, 200m, 300 m, 5k & 10k) sponsored by Kardias, a non-profit organization founded and directed by Danny's heart surgeon, Dr. Alexis Palacios.



This organization fully funded the equipping of the ICU unit where Danny spent his last 30 days of life here on earth, as well as continuously training doctors and nurses in the after-care of children who have undergone surgery for congenital heart defects! The Lord has called us to keep running this race called life and, as we do, we will run next week's races in honor of Danny and all the Lord did and will do through his life!

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were able to waterproof the roof with rolls of an asphalt-like substance! Lord willing, Vero will actually have to water her plants this summer, rather than the roof watering them for her!



New Main House Construction: A wonderful work team from Blooming Glenn Mennonite Church and Christopher Dock High School blessed the ministry, our family and the new main house construction project with their presence from January 10-17. The team, consisting of 10 senior high school students and



and two of his machine operators. The youth team and their leaders did an incredible job painting the outside of both of

three adult leaders, also included Dave Moyer

the buildings on the Ranch, as well as giving the construction of the main house a huge jump forward by cutting rebar, bending rebar, finishing the pouring of the cement for the house's footers and even laying the first rebar footers! Dave and his guys, as usual, completely transformed Refuge Ranch by moving literally tons of dirt and creating a new drive way, a new playground area, several new ramps leading to the main house and a parking area for the new main house! It was a truly transformational week! Stay tuned to future communications as to the next goals for the building of the main house!

While all of these things may seem like merely physical improvements, I can assure you that there are parallel spiritual, emotional, and social changes happening in each of our children's lives! The buildings, the electricity and all of the other physical things needed to simply live, serve as tools in our Master's hands as He molds each of our lives in accordance with His perfect will! Thank you for being conduits of God's grace by generously providing these physical supplies, which the Lord then translates into true life transformation!

EMMC 2015 Calendar

Full Length Crusades

February 8-14	Chilpancingo, Guerrero
March 9-12	Acatlán, Puebla
April 6-11	Chalcatongo, Oaxaca
May 31-June 6	Catemaco, Veracruz
July 18-25	Morelia, Michoacán
September 6-12	Dos Ríos, Guerrero
October 5-14	Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua, Chihuahua
November 15-21	Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco
December 7-10	Tezuitlán, Puebla

Local Crusades

May 2	Mexico City, Xola
May 23	Ixtapaluca
July 4	Ixtapaluca
August 22	Ecatepec
September 26	Neza
October 31	Metepec

Highlighted Need

Fishers of Men's annual budget calls for a needed average weekly income of \$3544.20 to cover all ministry expenses, including the EMMC's and Refuge Ranch! Thank you for prayerfully considering supporting FOM!