

# Fishers of Men Newsletter



December 2023

Julie Claassen, Director

## Life at Refuge Ranch



Celebrations and family certainly go hand in hand! The ministry of Refuge Ranch is a ministry of love, day in and day out, within the context of family: mother and child, siblings, grandparents, in-laws, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins. Part of the restorative process in my children's lives includes the importance of the celebrations...birthdays, holidays, and traditions.



These celebrations, new to most of the kids upon joining our family, accomplish so much in their hearts and lives. Family celebrations and traditions: provide a framework and structure for life, create the opportunity to enjoy and deepen relationships, emphasize the uniqueness and importance of each individual as well as the joy found in community, and declare, time after time, "we are family," "we love you" and "we love each other."



These last three months have provided plenty of those opportunities through several birthdays, a quinceañera, Thanksgiving, decorating for Christmas, loving on family affected by Hurricane Otis, church events and more! *"The joy of the Lord is your strength"* (Nehemiah 8:10).



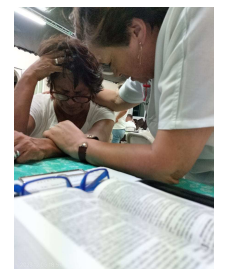
## Evangelistic Medical Mission Crusades Update



The last quarter of 2023 proved one of the most challenging for our Evangelistic Medical Mission outreach portion of the ministry. Traveling over one thousand miles roundtrip to the state of Colima for one of the year's longest crusades from October 23-31, the team provided 976 attentions, resulting in 94 individuals praying to receive Christ in an area that generally has shown much resistance to the Gospel message.

On October 24, Hurricane Otis barreled into Acapulco, Guerrero, literally decimating much of that city and its surrounding communities. Fishers of Men responded by organizing two emergency response trips. During the first trip we helped with repairs and cleanup for Julie's eldest daughter, Angie, and son-in-law, Juan Angel, whose home was damaged by the hurricane, along with other aid activities in the community.

Then from December 4-9 we carried out a full-length outreach ministering in two poverty stricken communities that fell victim to the fury of the storm. Through 332 free medical attentions, 148 pairs of eye glasses, clean up in two affected homes, over 80 non-perishable family-sized food packets, a community kitchen that provided approximately 200 free meals during the week, fumigating for the outbreak of mosquitoes and flies after the hurricane and children's ministry activities, including giving out 110 Christmas gifts, the Lord, in His grace and mercy, allowed us to share His love, hope and Gospel message with those hurting. *"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted...to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve..."* (portions of Isaiah 61:1,3).



## Get Involved!

Please prayerfully consider supporting Fishers of Men through your year-end giving! Your generosity with the resources the Lord has entrusted to you will make a big difference in so many lives....lives the Lord wants to touch through YOU! Thank you! Gracias!

## Contact Information

**Mailing address:** Fishers of Men, P.O. Box 940, Shelbyville, IN 46176

**Phone:** 419-704-6793

**Email:** fishersofmenmexico@gmail.com

**Web site:** fishersofmenmexico.org

**Facebook:** Fishers of Men - Mexico