



## About the Father's Business in... ...Saltillo, MEXICO

Praises & Prayers



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"...so that with one heart and one mind you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..." *Romans 15:5-7*

*You're the God of this city,  
You're the King of these people,  
You're the Lord of this nation,  
You are.  
You're the light in this darkness,  
You're the hope to the hopeless,  
You're the peace to the restless,  
You are.  
There is no one like our God.  
For greater things have yet to come,  
and greater things are still to be done in this city.*

Chris Tomlin's song concluded a week of morning devotions for 14 of us from the U.S.



pastor Gabriel Diaz  
praying over his city

Yes! Jesus is already in Saltillo, but what a privilege to help extend His name within two Saltillo communities. Dr Karen Ramirez and many other servant-hearted nationals beautifully doubled our team size!



Church-planters Daniel (Indira) Osório and Noé (Ester) Contreras shared how Word and deed ministries in 2023 had given more **visibility** and **credibility** to their churches. Preparations even exceeded last year's, making it easy for us to partner with them again and to provide a **good welcome** for the patients whom the Holy Spirit sent us. Teammates described the mission as **Encouraging... Hard... Fruitful... Humbling... Blessed... Joyful... Fun.** (Truth: working out

God-given passions *is* fun, even if often hard in many ways.)

We praise God for the energy He gave us and for **bicultural fellowship** and *lots of laughter.*

90-yr-old Guadalupe,  
Raquel & Dr Robert Spees



Pastor Dany,  
tearful patient, Fer &  
RN Corinne George

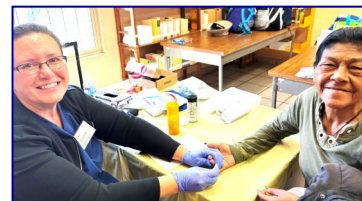


Dany's *Iglesia Renacer* (Rebirth) held clinics in a nearby library, loaned free! Besides serving 160 neighbors, we witnessed Holy Spirit draw **teacher-librarian Ricardo** to a **saving faith**! Noé's church, *Iglesia Vida*, rented an adjacent event center to bless 240 more patients. Many expressed surprise that our services were **gratis**, naturally leading us to share about grace and the **free gift of faith** in Christ for salvation.

Repeat servant to medical missions, sonographer **Victoria Goulet** scanned 90 patients, allowing pregnant women to see their babies, confirming medical diagnoses or saying, "All is normal!" to bring relief. Victoria also **recruited her best friend** from childhood, nurse Corinne!



"It's a girl!"



Joining her first Saltillo medical team, RN **Elaine Welch** served in Lab and Triage where her sweet smile matched her spirit as she loved on so many patients.

Returning **Family Medicine MD Walt Novikoff**, at right, and **Pediatrician Craig Lem**, in header photo, completed our trio of U.S. providers. Besides imparting wisdom and compassion, they gave



MTW's Charlie Davidson interpreting

precious time, listening ears, reassuring touches and needed medications. Then they bathed their patients in prayer. **Truly, mercy is an effective glove over the hand of the gospel.**

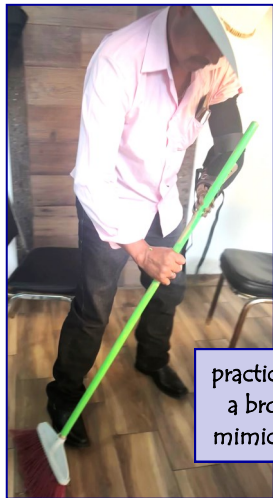
Retired high school teacher **Sue Novikoff** joined her hubby this year as our **team Oculista**, giving reading glasses to hun-



dreds aged 38 and up. She heard, "I can read my Bible again!" from several believers. Sue lovingly communicated through **Barbie**, her excellent young interpreter.



An immigrant from Honduras, 42-year-old Santos had a surprise awaiting him when he requested help for his lower back pain. At age 16, he lost his hand in a workplace accident and now makes his living in yardcare. Santos didn't reside in pastor Noé's community, but providentially he 'happened to hear' an invitation given by the church earlier that day in their local market!



practicing with a broom to mimic his rake

'Just in case' the Holy Spirit would send someone in need, PT Steve Wolters brought a prosthesis from the Helen Meadows Prosthetic Hand Foundation's LN4 Project. A veteran of many missions, Steve carefully fit Santos and demonstrated how to use and care for it! What a joy to tell Santos that God sees him, knows him, loves him and had long ago planned this special gift just for him. We give all the glory to God!

Pray that the Hound of Heaven, Holy Spirit, would draw Santos to Jesus through a church near his home, so that his visit would result in both this physical life-change and an eternal one!



interpreter Nicole Quiros

I'm so grateful that RN Linda Holt has been a co-leader, roomie and my right-hand on many *compañías médicas*. Her interpreter was Susan Service who has also graced numerous teams. I do love these ladies!



God creates a unique bond, for which I have inadequate descriptive words, between teammates serving together in Jesus' name. It's a sweet family reunion to gather with former teammates like MTW missionaries Scott and Kathy Craig. They have mentored me and hosted my assigned teams for years in both Mexico and Costa Rica. How good it was to serve with them again, too. Kathy was our super 'traffic cop' and caring directed patients to various clinic stations.

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Charlie Davidson's wife and missionary Bonita Davidson was a huge blessing to me in pharmacy helping prepare needed medications for our patients. She also gracefully flexed as interpreter many times.

Last but not least, many thanks and big blessings to our wonderful church volunteers, some as young as 12!

¡Les quiero y extraño mucho... todos!

Praise God for... His mercy, kindness & provision expressed in your prayers & financial sacrifices, or as clinic colleagues ...our Christiansen-Aeschliman family of 22 - healthy, employed/in school, walking with Jesus ...Ash's stability & a 'village' of helpers. Please pray for... following-up with patients by Saltillo churches ...wisdom & team unity in preparations for January '25's Trinidad mission, for pastor Ricky Gosyne & traveling U.S. teammates ...Holy Spirit to prepare Trini hearts to receive Jesus through our care, prayers & evangelism, then subsequent follow-up by Ricky's church ...needed April '25 Dominican Republic clinic servants. Upcoming Schedule (Lord willing) ...November 2-3 MTW Global Missions Conference, Atlanta GA ...January 25-February 1 medical mission to Trinidad ...April 26-May 3 medical mission to the DR.



Pastor Dany

Bless you for partnering in God's Kingdom work through medical-evangelism!  
Until He returns or calls,  
Ash & Betsy

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