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Crossing Cultural Lines to Link People to the Cross

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Volunteer Spotlight on Ministry in Mexico

What sort of difference can partnering with CrossLink make?

We asked Kellye Holder, a pianist and music teacher in Yakima, WA – about her experience as a volunteer with CrossLink for the last 8 years in Jalisco, Mexico.

Since 2008, Kellye has been on 11 trips to Mexico. On those trips she has led music workshops, taught in children’s programs, assisted with medical missions and facilitated worship times at leadership conferences. She has also helped out just wherever she is needed including a unique situation where she spontaneously played music for a wedding.

“Seeing God in control and going where He is working has made me more flexible and friendly,” Kellye said.

She has learned to give up her big notebook of plans and go along with God’s plans – whether this means using her skill set in music or being available to explain hand washing hygiene or tooth brushing to children during the health fair.

Those trips have helped her build friendships and bonds with people in the highlands of Mexico – people who have become another church family that she cares about and loves. Kellye describes the privilege of seeing girls taught in a children’s program grow and mature into adult leaders who are now running that same program and starting families of their own. Returning year after year and watching their growth is a source of joy for her.

“It’s amazing thinking about my brothers and sisters in Mexico worshipping at the same time that I’m worshipping at church,” Kellye said. **“I can see a much bigger vision of the body of Christ!”**

That has caused a shift in her priorities.

“I’ve quit taking other vacations,” she said. “I’ve made a choice to afford to go on these mission trips and there are lots of little things that people can do to afford to travel or fund a mission trip.



Bill Schultz, Elias Garcia & Kellye Holder

The impact is not just south of the border – Kellye’s experience also affects her work and life at home.

“Going on these mission trips has helped me culturally in Yakima.” Kellye explained, “I teach music in the schools and I have met students and their families here in Yakima who are from the Highlands and we share a common bond.”

Kellye’s advice to anyone considering volunteering for a health fair or leadership conference through CrossLink is simple: **“Go – If you have a real desire to see what God is doing – then go!”**

upcoming events

*¡Dios es mi salvación!
 Confiaré en él y no temeré.
 El Señor es mi fuerza,
 el Señor es mi canción;
 ¡él es mi salvación!
 Isaías 12:2*

*Behold, God is my salvation;
 I will trust, and will not be afraid;
 for the Lord God is my strength
 and my song,
 and he has become my salvation.
 Isaiah 12:2*

April 24-27, 2016: Moving Dental Van to Mexico

May 19, 2016: CrossLink Board Meeting

June 2016: Visit the

September 2016: Annual Fundraiser Dinner & Dessert



Mexico Health Fair February 2016

coming soon >>>

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Multi-Ethnic Ministry & Community Transformation Conference

March 4-5, 2016

Dr. Mark DeYmaz – author of “Building a Healthy Multi-Ethnic Church” and “Ethnic Blends” – lectured on the how churches can remain credible in today’s rapidly changing culture.



Times are Changing

The conference was designed to equip church leaders with tools to help their congregations follow the example of early biblical multi-ethnic and socially diverse churches. The early Christian church did not need to preach that God’s love is for all people because they were demonstrating it by having ALL people in the room – socially, economically, and ethnically.

Biblical Diversity

“It’s not that your church is or isn’t a biblical church – we’re all on a journey...we’re all progressing to a known point. As a church, we need to think collectively, not just individually – because we know where we’re going – it’s Revelations 7:9.



Revelations 7:9

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...



CrossLink Ministry Updates

Each month we have an update about an area of ministry through CrossLink. In April 2016, the update was about this conference. If you missed this update, we have a copy at our resource page:

<http://www.crosslink.info/resources/>



Dental Van Progress & Planning

One of CrossLink’s ongoing projects is remodeling a Dental Van that can be used by CrossLink and other partner organizations in Mexico for ministry and dental care.

As we move out of Phase I and into Phase II of our Dental Van Progress and Planning for 2015-2016, we want to thank **Bill Glaspey** for donating storage for the dental van; **Roger Lea** for donating the dental equipment and helping load it; and **Dave Donovan & Elias Garcia** for driving the dental van to Mexico!

2015-16 Dental Van Progress

Phase I – Summary & Goals

We have been working with our ministry partners in Mexico to reduce expenditures and complete this project. By using a professional mechanic and RV company in Mexico, we will be able to reduce costs of needed repairs by at least 65%.

The funds raised in Phase I were used to cover the costs of transporting the vehicle to our partners in Mexico, as well as pay for the international paperwork, insurance, and licensing requirements.

- **Goal 1: Raise \$2,500 to pay for transportation & licensing costs to drive the Dental Van to Mexico.** Status: Completed.
- **Goal 2: Complete international paperwork and insurance to transfer Dental Van to our partner charity in Mexico.** Status: Completed.
- **Goal 3: Load dental equipment into van.** Status: Completed.
- **Goal 4: Drive the Dental Van to Mexico.** Status: Completed

currently in Phase II of moving this project forward and that means that we need to finish our fundraising before repairs on the Dental Van can be completed.

Phase II – Summary & Goals

We need to raise \$9,500 specifically for structural repairs and remodeling the Dental Van to be used for dental care. The repairs include: dismantle and replace interior and exterior walls; install new floors, sinks, plumbing and facilities; reconfigure electrical for dental equipment; install washable laminate on walls, seal and paint the exterior structure, as well as install the dental equipment that is in the vehicle.

Goal 5: Raise \$9,500 to pay for structural repairs and equipment installation on the Dental Van. Status: 30%. We have \$2,869 in the Dental Van fund.

Goal 6: Finalize placement of dental equipment, tools, dental chair & plumbing. Status: Pending.

Phase III – Summary & Goals

Once funds are raised, we will authorize the RV Company to finish repairs and installation of dental equipment.

Goal 7: Finish structural repairs and remodeling. Status: Pending.

Please consider financially supporting the completion of this project so that the Dental Van becomes a tool used in the service of glorifying God in 2016!

Thank You to every single volunteer who contributed their time, sweat, and resources to turning a donated motor home into a newly remodeled and portable Dental Van!



Roger Lea loading the dental equipment



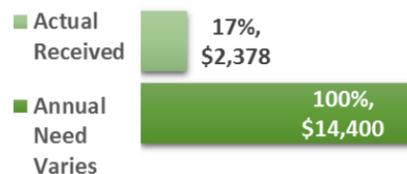
Elias Garcia & Dave Donovan kicking off the long drive to Mexico



CrossLink Dental Van at Glaspey Storage

fundraising update

Sali Annual Support Received by April 30, 2016



Dental Van Fund - Phase II Received by April 30, 2016



Aguilar Annual Support Received by April 30, 2016

