

# MEXICO MEDICAL MISSIONS

## MINISTRY REPORT 2010

2010 was a year of great growth, a beginning of sorts to what we believe will be a great harvest after many years of effort to serve the people of the Sierra Madre. We are thankful to all of our ministry partners for enabling MMM to fulfill the mission we believe God has called us to:

*“to provide an excellent level of integrated health care to the indigenous people of the Sierra Madre of Mexico, thereby proclaiming the transforming love of Jesus Christ.”*

This mission is helping to fulfill our greater goal, which stands above everything else:

*“to glorify Jesus Christ among the peoples of the Sierra Madre through acts of mercy, service and proclamation of the Gospel.”*

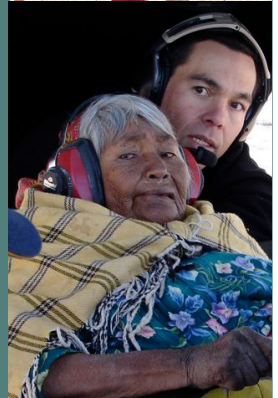
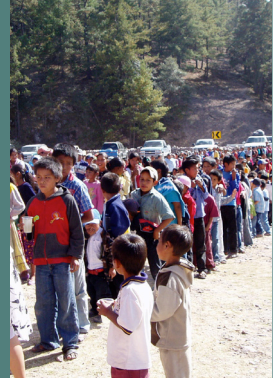
This report will give you just a glimpse of what you have helped to accomplish, a small picture of the lives that have been changed because of your generosity and love.

You have ministered to Tarahumara families this year by the giving of your resources, and by lifting all of the ministries and missionaries up in prayer. We rejoice with you over all that God has done, and we look forward to sharing in ministry with you in 2011!



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# "God Is With Us"

Manuel is still battling for his life. If he survives, he will be a permanent resident of Hospital Misión Tarahumara. If he doesn't, we are confident that this young Tarahumara man has a permanent home in heaven. Neither scenario would be true if a Christian hospital with a commitment to the Tarahumara people did not exist in the Copper Canyon.

He came to us last year with a gunshot to his spine, which left him a paraplegic. Manuel left us in good health for rehabilitation in a larger hospital many hours away. There he was to gain strength and leave with the ability to care for himself.

Instead, Manuel was returned to us in the fall of 2010 because he was "no longer a candidate for rehabilitation." He had acquired life-threatening bed sores that Dr. Berkeley and volunteer surgeons have been fighting to control since he returned.

His wounds were so severe that it led Dr. Berkeley to attempt a cutting-edge procedure in our little hospital - a surgery that would most likely never be performed on an indigenous, non-paying person in any other hospital in Mexico.

Two surgeries were successfully performed on Manuel, although they nearly killed him due to his weakened state. The procedures left him without any legs at all, but hopefully he will eventually be able to live independently in a wheel chair.

There is good news amidst this difficulty in Manuel's life. After spending many days and nights alone, his condition continually worsening in rehab, Manuel came "home" to our rural hospital. And in the process, faith grew in his heart for the God who put us there to care for him in his time of need. He is hopeful that he will be healthy enough to finish his high school education at the hospital and be able to be a productive worker in the ministry.

Jesus said that if we give even a drink to one who is thirsty in His name, we are giving it to Jesus Himself. Right now, Manuel, with many others in the hospital, is Jesus to us. His name means "God is with us," and is a reminder of the priceless treasure we have in every patient we have the opportunity to serve.

It is for every Manuel that we exist and that we persevere. His story can be told over and over by the lives who have passed through our doors this year. Tarahumara men, women and children who have been cared for and valued the way that they would not be cared for or valued anywhere else. People who have experienced the touch of God and who we pray will come to believe in Him.

## Ministry Statistics

8,000  
Tarahumara Patients  
served in the Hospital

481  
Emergency Visits

100  
Safe Births

114  
Orthopedic & General Surgeries

40  
Eye Surgeries

6,709  
Laboratory Studies

754  
X-Ray Studies

11  
Villages served through  
Community Health Evangelism:

Corareachi

Chikué

Santa Rita

Huisuchi

Pamachi

Charerachi

La Gavilana

El Cuervo

Norogachi

Guacayvo

Napuchis

Between 185 ~ 240  
Consults every Month in  
Remote Villages

## Hospital Ministry



*Dr. Pedro Ramirez with a Newborn*

This past year about 8,000 Tarahumara patients were cared for in the hospital. The number of consults increased from previous years, as well as the number of hospitalizations and surgeries. We saw an average of 662 patients a month, which meant about 22 patients a day. Reflected in these statistics are all the consults, dental visits, births, traumas, hospitalizations and surgeries that occurred.

The average cost of caring for each patient in 2010 was only about \$50 USD. This is due greatly to the generosity of organizations who donate medical equipment and medicines, and also to the relentless efforts of Dr. Berkeley and other staff to procure discounted supplies and to find ways to reduce expenses.

As you have heard before, the Tarahumara people are typically reclusive and distrusting of outsiders and their ways. For this reason, we are thankful that those who are sick seem to be more willing to come to us for help. It has taken a long time to build such trust, but in 2010 we saw fruit that we believe is the result of persevering in service.

Not only did the hospital meet physical needs and continue to build trust in 2010, but it served as a vehicle for spiritual impact. The 22 patients who came to us each day were exposed to God's word through music and other media that played on screens throughout the day, and were treated with kindness by our staff. Those who were hospitalized were prayed for each morning, and could hear from their beds as the staff sang praises in the Tarahumara language. Although we may never know the full impact, we know that seeds were planted through this ministry.

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## Aviation Ministry

MedEvac in the States costs around \$10,000 for one transport, while an air transport from our hospital to Chihuahua City costs only \$450 USD. Over the years, we have transported many patients to the hospital in Chihuahua, which is a 5-hour drive. Sometimes the drive could not be made fast enough to save the life. Now, thanks to the Aviation ministry, we can quickly and inexpensively fly patients to Chihuahua. The flight time is about 50 minutes, which is less time than it takes our ambulance to drive to the closest government hospital in Guachochi.

In 2010, the CompAir was traded for a turbo-charged Cessna 185. The Cessna will be more effective in reaching villages, with their varying altitudes and weather, and with the poor conditions of airstrips. Our pilot Mark Egolf recently said of the new plane: "While it is not as big or fast as the CompAir, it's a known entity and has better landing characteristics. . . It will carry someone on a stretcher and two attending medics and a family member. . . Its primary job will be to do transports to Chihuahua with an attending medical team and also just to move missionaries around and keep them off the roads when possible."

While waiting for the Cessna, we used the services of Mark's Piper Cub for local movement of patients and missionaries. Pictured at right is a family that was helped through its use. If you would like to receive the Aviation ministry's newsletters, please contact the MMM office.



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## Team Ministry

### American Missionaries:

Dr. Mike & Maci Berkeley - Directors  
Dr. Bruce Daugherty  
Edwin & Shelley Rivera - Admin/Midwife  
Ivan & Jennifer Wang - Phys. Asst., CHE  
Mark & Carmen Egolf - Aviation, CHE  
Andy & Deborah Kramer - Literacy, CHE  
Tom & Cathy Shank - CHE in Santa Rita  
Dave & Delia Hardin - Aviation, CHE  
Andrew & Iris Bornman - Raising support  
Mark & Jean Dhority - Raising support

### Mexican Staff Leadership:

Dr. Pedro Ramirez - Medical Director  
Dr. Josepha Peña - Dentist, CHE  
Jacob & Raquel Sotelo - CHE Directors  
Dr. Esperanza Vasquez - Dentist, CHE  
Claudia Cervantes - Administration  
Francisco Valadez - Procurement  
Jose Luis Ramirez - Mexico Legal Rep.  
Vicente Torres - Laboratory Director  
Pedro & Chole Sanchez - Maintenance  
Carlos & Miriam Erives - Tech/CHE

### Total Paid (Local) Staff: 35

Included 5 doctors, 5 RNs, 5LVNs, x-ray & lab technicians, and other various operational staff.

### Other Ministry Partners:

Johnathan & Marta Pinkham - in Coyachique & other villages  
Luke & Deborah Selby - CHE in Repogueachi  
Ravens, Inc - Pastor Phil & Cheryl Neeley of Salida, Colorado

# Community Health Evangelism (CHE)

What a year it was! We were blessed to finally have Jacob, Raquel and Nathan Sotelo begin overseeing the Community Health Evangelism programs. The Sotelos are thrilled to report that in 2010, the very first local CHE team began training! A major part of the vision of CHE is to prepare Tarahumara health workers to teach their own people in their own language. The team consists of 5 Tarahumara women, four of whom are Christians and 3 of whom are community teachers in remote villages. Before the end of the year, this team led the teaching during two “health days” in the villages of Chikué and Charerachi. Their teaching was coupled with both doctor consults our doctors and the sharing of a spiritual lesson.



Tarahumara CHE workers giving lice treatments

A CHE “Vision Seminar” was held that 26 local people attended, including three pastors, three Tarahumara leaders, and the newly formed CHE team. Doors opened to begin work in Rajavo, Manuel’s village. The school in Chikué continued strong with Lupita as its teacher, while a new school opened in Charerachi with Lupita’s sister as its new teacher! Plans were also made to build a dormitory for the children attending the Chikué school.

Ivan Wang, our physician’s assistant, continued visiting the communities of Pamachi and Chikué twice a week, seeing as many as 40 patients per week during the summer. Ivan, along with Dr Pedro, also visited other communities on a regular basis. This ministry was of vital importance during the late summer/early fall months due to many kids with severe malnutrition, and during the winter months because of increased respiratory infections. On a monthly basis, an average of 1-3 patients were brought to the hospital for further care, and a few had the need for air transport. Without this proactive effort in villages, people severely in need of medical attention would have gone without it.

## Water Projects

In the Sierra, as it is all over the world, access to clean water determines an individual’s quality of life to a great degree. With elevations of 6,000-8,000 feet throughout the region, getting access to water is difficult, and access to clean water even more so. This year, generous donations purchased new, more efficient drilling equipment, which expedited the drilling process.

However, the altitude and rocky terrain still made it a challenge to find and hit water. Progress was made on different wells this year, and 400 feet were cut in Chikué without success. Efforts will be renewed in 2011 to find water in Chikué and to continue with other projects in various villages.



Drilling in Chikue Oct 2010

## Midwife Program

It has been reported that the Tarahumara people have the highest maternal and infant mortality rates in Mexico (5th highest in the world). This year, our local Mexican health department shared that they were seeing the rates start to decline. Not only did they express their belief that what our midwife program had been doing in communities was having an affect, but not long after, the government began a similar midwife-training project! This government project has boosted support for ours also, especially among health care providers. Edwin and Shelly Rivera left in July for a stateside sabbatical leave, while Mark and Jean Dhority began raising support with a goal to arrive in the spring of 2011.



A new mom and baby in the birth center

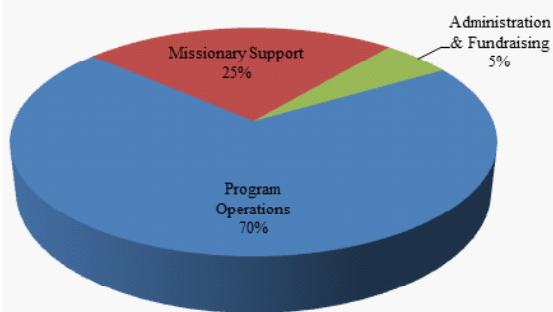
## Literacy

Andy & Deborah Kramer forged ahead with the literacy program. Their goals are to establish literacy centers in remote villages, to better train our staff in the Tarahumara language, and to start churches in Tarahumara communities. They continued their work in La Mesa, but began translating materials into the dialect of our region. They began literacy classes in Samachique, Chikué and Pamachi. They also started building a Literacy and Translation Outreach Center on the hospital grounds for their translating, printing and teaching ministry in our area. Below is an insert from one of the short Bible stories

they have translated and illustrated. The stories were used in CHE outreaches, and will be one of the only sources of literature available for new Tarahumara readers.



## 2010 Distribution of Funds



## Audit

An independent audit of MMM's 2009 financial statements was completed in October of 2010 by Briggs & Veselka Co in Houston, Texas. We are pleased to report that they found them "in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted" in the United States. The audit report can be found on our website, at [http://www.mexicomedical.org/irs\\_information.php](http://www.mexicomedical.org/irs_information.php). You may also contact our office to request that a copy be sent to you by e-mail or regular mail.

## MMM Board of Directors 2010

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 Maci Berkeley - Secretary/Treasurer  
 Mimi Sadler, Texas  
 Tim Schmidt, MD, Virginia  
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The audit, as well as other financial documents, can be found on our website:

[www.mexicomedical.org](http://www.mexicomedical.org)

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## 2010 Contributions

General/Unrestricted Cash:	\$528,641
Non-Cash Donations:	\$109,965
Other Income:	\$10,616
<b>Total Unrestricted Income:</b>	<b>\$649,222</b>

Specified Cash Donations:	
Aviation:	\$1,970
Literacy:	\$20,708
Missionary Support:	\$230,895
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$902,795</b>

**Net Assets as of 12/31/2010: \$1,048,118**

## Granting Partners

Berkeley Foundation  
 Big Spring (TX) Rotary Club  
 CVW Family Foundation  
 Nelson Family Foundation  
 Nowiczewski Foundation  
 Patsy & Wayne Fox Family Foundation  
 Scurlock Foundation  
 Seegers Foundation  
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## In-Kind Donating Partners

Alcon Surgical  
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 Project Cure

## Other Ministry Partners

Assoc. of Baptists for World Evangelism  
 Mountain View Church of Glenwood  
 The Woodlands United Methodist Church  
 Coronado Baptist Church

## 2010 Ministry Expenditures

Program Operations*	
Hospital Operations:**	\$391,123
Aviation:	\$29,432
Community Health:**	\$56,142
Water Projects:**	\$15,926
Depreciation:	\$90,155
Communications:	\$12,602
Hospital/CHE Auto:	\$39,363
Education:	\$5,811
Other Operating Expenses:	\$8,837
<b>Program Operations Total:</b>	<b>\$649,392</b>

US Administrative Expense:	\$10,286
Mexico Administrative Expense:	\$21,246
Fundraising Expense:	\$2,719
Professional Fees:	\$16,736

\*Excludes all missionary support

\*\*Includes wages paid to hospital & CHE workers