

## Playing Our Part

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Samuel on the right, next to his wife, and our staff member Lily on the left.

We received a visit on our Saturday service day from Samuel, his wife, and his six children. He wanted to express his thanks for some medical help we gave him some time ago. At the time Spectrum helped pay for some tests to determine why he was losing sight in his right eye. The tests revealed a life-threatening tumor just behind his nose which was interfering with the nerves in his eyes. An operation was possible, but cost over ten thousand dollars. A businessman that Samuel had worked with had learned about his situation and told him he had good news for him. The money for his operation had been raised! As a born-again Christian Samuel told us he

knew exactly who had provided for him: “Jesús!” he said with a large grin. He thanked us again for the initial help we provided. A staff member pointed out that we only helped a little! Samuel told us how much it meant to him and his family. He is now recovered from the surgery and is grateful for God’s faithfulness. Through the whole conversation, a God-glorifying joy shone through his words and expressions. God is so good! Sometimes we are able to help a family with a large part of a need and at other times it may be small, but God uses the large and the small to bring about His plans. What a joy to see God work!

When I see a person come to Christ from one of the neighborhoods and see God turn their life around, at times in a dramatic fashion, I often see how God used a variety of means to reach the lost soul. We want to be faithful in our part in pointing people to Christ as we reach out in love to the poor communities of Tijuana. God takes it from there! We pray that God will draw people to him in the neighborhoods we serve. The need is great indeed.

Earlier this month we had a Vacation Bible School (VBS) during spring break while a group was here serving with us. It was a resounding success! As things start back up from the pandemic, it is hard to know what the turnout will be when we put on an event for children. More than 80 kids showed up for VBS in the Panamérica neighborhood. Praise God! We were pleased to be able to have the VBS at the local church building and work alongside church members. God works through His church. Games, water balloons, skits, crafts and Bible teaching mix together for a great time. Introducing the kids we work with to the local church is a great privilege. VBS gives us an opportunity to share God’s word, teach memory verses,



Children’s ministry: Where cookie-eating competitions and the Gospel meet.



These girls are happy to attend VBS!

let kids know about the church's children's ministry, and have a whole lot of fun with the kids. Help us pray for these churches in our communities as they reach out to the tough neighborhoods nearby.

Thank you for praying for us and for the communities where we serve. Like Samuel's medical test, your part in this ministry may seem small compared to the overall picture, but I can assure you it's not. May God's light shine in these dark places!

For all of us at Spectrum Ministries,

Paul Alvarado  
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P.S. - Above is a picture of Eddie Passmore and his wife Maggi. Eddie is serving as our interim director. He can be reached at [eddie@spectrumministries.org](mailto:eddie@spectrumministries.org).



This boy is quite happy his sister won our bike!

*There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. - 1 Corinthians 12:6*