



## **SURV-Readiness Training**

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The boys and I had a great trip to Ensenada, BC. We were picked up in Springfield, MO and traveled with the MOSES team through 7 states to Ensenada. Experienced several mechanical difficulties along the way but the 30 + people on the trip were great troopers and took it all in stride. Which is a great gift to have on a MX trip. When we got there on Fri afternoon, we went to the Bufadora/blowhole. Then back to the children's home where we would be staying for the next week.

On Sat am Zach took off with the construction crew at high speeds on rough dirt roads in the back of a pickup truck. I had no idea where he was headed or when he'd be back. Very normal for a mission trip right?

Nevada and I went into training to learn songs and puppets for the VBS teams.

Sunday was a great service at church and in the afternoon while others went shopping, I drove the scouting team all over Ensenada locating the 7 churches where we would conduct our VBS. I've driven in worse cities, Cebu City comes to mind, but Ensenada is laid out a little weird. We found all of the churches and made it back in the evening. I missed going to the beach but the boys had a great time with their new friends.

Mon-Wed Zach went to construction on the hills overlooking the bay and the city, beautiful views, while Nevada and I were on the same team in the different churches, he doing puppets and lessons and both of us making many... many PBJ sandwiches. The challenge was to shoo the flies away before closing the sandwich.

On Mon and Tue eve I stayed in town to teach classes. SURV now has 10 international trainers from 5 different churches! These folks will be teaching others CPR and First Aid and using it for evangelism.

I'm grateful to the Lord for helping me teach these classes in Spanish for the first time. I know many of you think I'm fluent but I'm not. I'm working on it and with some help from new friends in the classes we made it.

I was praying about how to get some training manikins to them and felt like the Lord told me to leave the ones I had brought for the trainings. They were very happy and grateful and are now fully equipped for classes.

I on the other hand I have no manikins so am asking if anyone would like to help me replace them.

I was in need of \$800 but \$500 has already been pledged so just need \$300 more.

Manikins are \$100 each. If you are able to help you can send your gift to SURV for tax credit & thank you.

On Thur I switched and went with Zach to finish the house he had been working on. Great time working together and warm feelings working side by side with the man who would move his family in on Friday!

On Friday am we started our 2635 mile return trip. Re-entering through Tecate (only took 30 mins from start to finish at that border crossing!) The drive to and from MO-MX was by far the most difficult part. But again, all were great troopers and we arrived in Springfield, MO at 1245 am on Sat. (The rest continued on to MI)

Andrea was there in Springfield to greet us and bring us home. Needless to say, she's another trooper and has been for quite a while now. Our 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary was on the Sunday I was in Baja.

She and I will get to spend some time off with my family in Traverse City, MI next month after my niece's wedding on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to some down time. I really am very blessed to have her as you know.

Nevada was accepted into the EMT program at the community college and he starts August 22<sup>nd</sup>. He's pretty excited about his first big step toward becoming a flight medic.

Zach starts August 12<sup>th</sup> as a junior and is pretty stoked about starting his construction class and eager to try his new skills, though he will have to adjust them a little bit to fit US codes.

Thank you supporters for making all of these things possible. God uses your gifts to change people.

Esta todo, Dios te les bendiga. The MO Hultgrens