

Wishing you a

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

& Holiday Season



Dear Friends of San Lucas,

Last week 15 folks from the U.S. and 18 folks from San Lucas (plus some translators) met for 2+ days in San Lucas for the first-ever “Friends of San Lucas/Mission of San Lucas” retreat. It was 2 days of food, laughter, honest conversations, games, music, worship, dreams, presentations and forging of friendships.

To be honest, when we first broached the idea over a year ago, it was not met with universal welcome. We struggled with the costs, goals and purpose. We wondered, as many of us often do, if we couldn’t have a bigger impact by simply sending the money we were going to spend and build a house or stoves.

But in the end, we decided to take the risk and invest in building relationships (even as we also built 2 charity homes.)

And as we de-briefed after the event, we were universally grateful that we did it. The discussions we had were invaluable; the lists of strengths and weaknesses we developed helped us understand where we are and where we need to go; our understanding of the challenges of cross-cultural work was deepened; and the relationships we built, both across cultures and within cultures, will serve us for years to come.

I tell you this, because on this Day of Thanksgiving in 2018, very near the top of my list of what I am grateful for, are all of you and your support of the work of the Friends of San Lucas, and the life-changing programs that thrive in your name.

Fr. Greg left us much to do and, thanks be to God, we are fully engaged living into his vision of what could be. And thanks to all of you, we are making progress.

On behalf of the 20,000 people in San Lucas who are touched each year by programs that you support, you have our deepest gratitude.

Happy Thanksgiving!

In hope and service,

Bill Peterson
Executive Director

