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# The Simpsons Working in Santa Ana

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**PS** - Jon taught a new class in San Salvador last week. He starts the same class here in Santa Ana this week.



Medical Team '09



Children's Team '09

**VBS NOTE:** *I forgot to mention that the whole country took two weeks vacation because of an H1N1 "outbreak." One of those weeks was VBS week! Coincidence??*

## "Summer" in Santa Ana



June. That was so long ago, but we haven't had a normal schedule since then. On June 8th, I was blessed to go to Washington to be at my brother's graduation. It was an awesome privilege. I returned home on the 19th and headed back to the airport again on the 20th to pick up a short-term medical team from Indiana. What an amazing week! This year we felt lead to stay closer to Santa Ana, responding to the many people in need no more than 15 minutes away. It started out slow but, at the end on the first day, Jon and I were convinced this was exactly where God had wanted us. So many people were ministered to. The people's lives were touched and the team members were impacted. The Salvadorans who ministered with us were also challenged.



The team left on the 27th and we relaxed a little. Jon was preaching, the kids were in school and I was working with Sunday School.

On July 3rd, we received a phone call about a house for rent. We had been renting a house for 2 years, but were feeling a little uneasy. We had put it before the Lord in April, but forgot about it during all the activity of June. Very calmly, we walked over to see the house and then to a coffee shop to talk about it. Two minutes after sitting down, we had decided to move. Poor Jon; we have moved 4 out of the last 5 years, always in July. It took us about three weeks to move in and we finished just before the arrival of another team.



This time, it was a Children's Ministry Team from Washington State. God had already been challenging us since June to

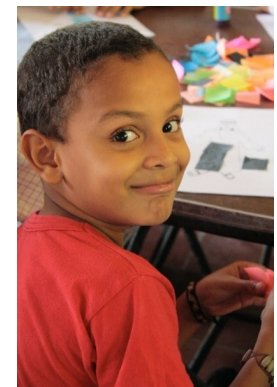
reach out to children in the city and in our own neighborhoods. So, this team was a perfect fit. We had a VBS and invited the kids that had previously begun meeting in homes. We had about 80 kids each morning at church. In the afternoon, we went to neighborhoods and had many, many more than 80 kids!!!! AMAZING!!!

Everyday was a joy to get up and see what God was going to do. The last night, the church was FULL for the closing ceremony because the parents had come with their children. It was unforgettable!

The following day, we took the team to two orphanages. There, we had a presentation, a story and a craft. I was placed at the

my name. The following Sunday, I realized they had come!!! This "Mom" and the 9 orphans she cares for had actually come! To be honest, I never thought they would. I showed them God's love during our craft time and then left, thinking that was the end. God placed me at their table to use me in a special way - in what I said and what I did. He used me because I placed my life in His hands that week and asked to be His instrument.

Each person who helped that week can tell you a similar story. Truly, it was



one of the best weeks of my life. Children's Clubs have continued since then, 25 kids in one and 20 kids in another. New kids are coming to church. PRAY that we will be faithful with these lives God has placed in our care.