



GLOBAL IMPACT

Reaffirming His Perfect Timeline

By Tiffany Stamp

Over the past few years I have learned a lot about missions and God's timing. In 2014 I traveled to Trinidad and Tobago to attend a three-month Missions Intensive course through the School of Global Leadership (SGL), directed by missionaries Mike and Pam Lumbard. During my time at SGL my classmates, the Lumbards, and I traveled to Guyana on a missions trip. In 2015 I returned to SGL to attend their advanced missions courses. I returned once more in 2016 for one-month. I felt ready to become a missionary but wanted some additional experience on what it would be like to run an orphanage as that is where God has pulled my heart.



When an opportunity arose for me to intern in Imuris, Sonora, Mexico, for three months at the Reino de los Niños orphanage with founders and directors, Arturo and Lilia Jimenez, I was excited. The intern that was at the orphanage at the time would be leaving for the States shortly to return to college. Arturo and Lilia were looking for another intern to help with the various needs at the orphanage. I felt like it was a good fit and that I was supposed to go, but I needed time to raise money. It took me a few months longer to get to Mexico than I had originally planned.



At the end of May I arrived at Reino de los Niños orphanage. I enjoyed helping out with the kids' daily needs, during meals, and at bed time. One of my favorite things to do with the kids was a devotional and craft. We would watch a children's Christian movie like Veggie Tales in Spanish and would then do a craft based on the lesson learned in the

movie. I really enjoyed this time with the kids because I could help them learn something about God even though we did not speak the same language.

Over time I built a close relationship with Judy, a six-year-old girl. The February before I interned at the orphanage Judy had an appendectomy that left behind a large scar. In June she was rushed to the hospital with severe

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Tiffany and Judy

abdominal pain. The doctor stated that a cyst had developed on her intestines and that she had developed an infection. She was admitted to the hospital and treated for five days. Then in July she was admitted again for the same symptoms and treated another five days.

In August I spent a few weeks taking her to appointments at different doctor's offices in the city, which are about an hour away from the orphanage. Judy's doctors all ran an assortment of tests to see why she was continuing to suffer from severe abdominal pain. One doctor's test results showed that she had not been originally treated for the infection, only the pain. The scar tissue from her surgery was rubbing on her intestines causing a cyst to form and the infection. After being treated for the infection, Judy was placed on a special diet of mainly fruits and softened vegetables to keep from irritating her stomach. A few weeks later she was allowed to slowly start eating regular food again.

God had placed me at the orphanage at just the right time. I had unintentionally raised more money than I needed for my time at the orphanage. The hospitals and doctors in Mexico require payment up front for their time, tests, and treatment. Because I raised extra money I was able to pay for all of her treatment that she needed upfront. God knew exactly when I was supposed to be there.

Since my time at the orphanage God has reaffirmed to me that He is always in control. We just need to trust and rely on Him. I was in Mexico exactly when God wanted me there. He knew who the people were I was going to meet and the situations I would face. He prepared me for all of it.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

April

5 Karen Thomas
20 David Yua

May

12 Bill McConnell
15 LyHoung Mak
22 Tom Moore

June

3 Ron Wilson
19 Del Brown
27 Nelson Gaitan