Waves of Grace Church

April 2024 to August 2024



Welcome to our Spring/Summer 2024 newsletter. It has been a busy and fruitful season at WoG. The launching of our new website (<u>www.wavesofgracechurch.com</u>) and online streaming of our Sunday church service has been a great success. We are so grateful for those who have prayed, supported and served this little church in Cozumel. Please enjoy as we share what God has been doing April-August 2024 at WoG

Celebrating Easter Sunday 2024



Our kids having a great Easter morning in class!





Hunting for Easter eggs after service!



We kicked off May with a Kid's Celebration! *El Dia de Los Niños*, a tradition that began in Mexico in 1925 is celebrated every year!









It was great to have Michele Hammock visit Cozumel for the third time. Michele is an old high school classmate of Ken Homann, that brings kids to Cozumel to get certified for scuba. Her groups always bring shoes and school shirts to share with our kiddos at Iglesia Olas De Gracia - Waves of Grace Church.









Our high schoolers having dinner and bible study at the ocean and watching God's creation.







Hanging out with our prison minister Tino. We cooked 100 hamburgers for the *Experiencing God* celebration meal and award ceremony in the prison on Friday, May 3rd. Seventy-six inmates have completed this study. We have had seventeen inmates baptized since starting this study, plus we have had many more pray to receive Christ waiting to be baptized.







Taking our youth to the beach every few weeks allows them to build strong bonds and friendships. On this trip they did some snorkeling, ate a bunch of snacks and had a great time in fellowship.







On May 18 we had fourteen people get baptized. We are blessed to see God write His story in the hearts of new believer's.



What a blessing to have a mission group from <u>Evergreen</u> <u>Baptist Church</u> in Texas. On June 19 they blessed our congregation with clothing and shoes after worship service.









We had the privilege to go out into the community once again with our friends from <u>Evergreen Baptist Church</u> from Texas. They purchased groceries and delivered them to five families from the church. We got to pray and visit with them. We love when families and teams come and bless the people of Cozumel.







Meet Flor

Flor has been coming to Waves of Grace since 2020. She comes on our Bus/Van ministry. She is always bringing people in her neighborhood almost every Sunday. Flor also opens her home anytime we need to place someone or a family in a spare bedroom. She has allowed a family of 5 to stay with her for 3 months to help them get on their feet. She also took in a family whose mom was 2 weeks away from delivering a baby who was living in a local park for 2 months.



Flor has an amazing servant heart and reflects Jesus in her actions.

Also in June, our boys cooked up a barbecue dinner for the Youth Group at the church.



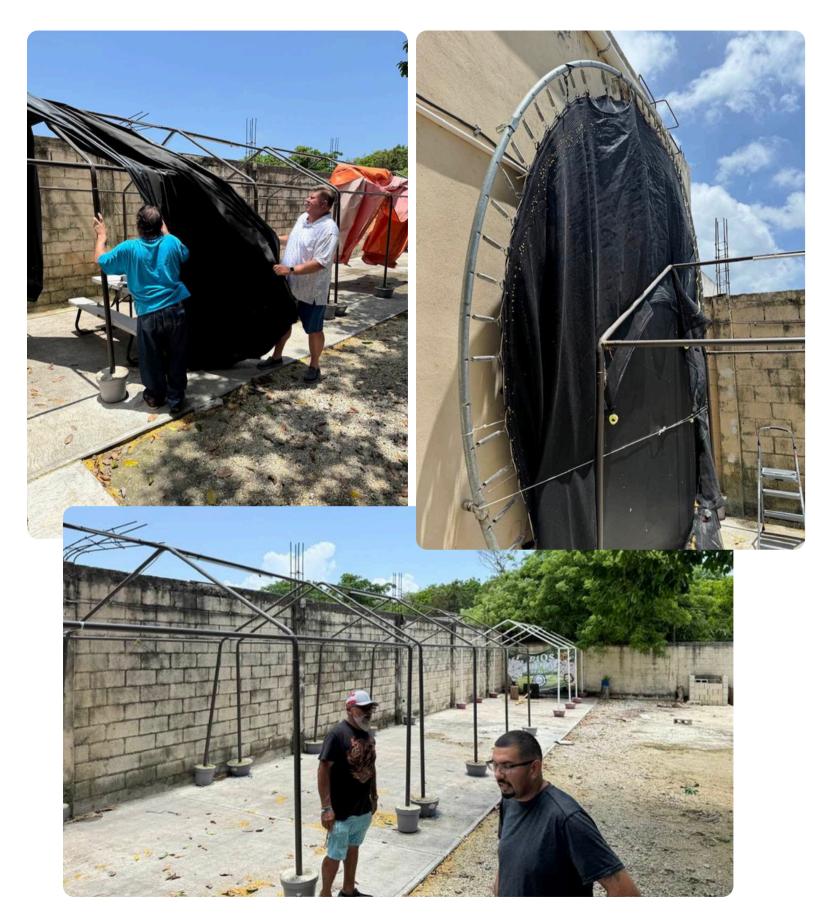




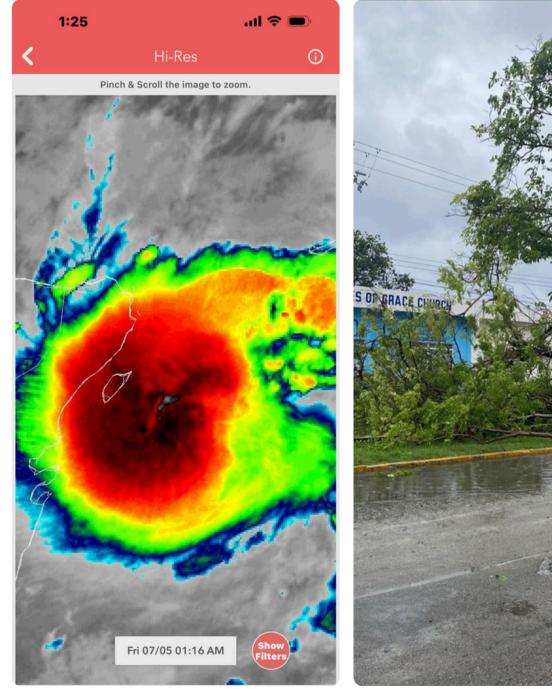
We made it back to Cozumel at the end of June with over 400 lbs of suit cases. Getting ready for VBS in August so we could provide almost 200 Backpacks that have school supplies for the kiddos.

> We would like to thank everyone who donated to VBS this year! Your generosity made this possible!

In the first week of July we had to prepare the church for hurricane Beryl as it approached Cozumel as a Category 3 storm.



We survived Hurricane Beryl with minor damage. We did lose electricity at the church for eight days.







There were dozens of power poles downed by the storm, leaving some families without electricity for over a week.

The Waves of Grace family came together to clean up all the debris and limbs from the church grounds.





After getting the back yard cleaned up after the hurricane we held Sunday services outside under our big tree because the church still no electricity.



We host twelve other churches every quarter to pray and come together for the people of Cozumel.





Meet Mark and Cindy They have six kids and nine, but soon to be

eleven grandkids in Oklahoma and Texas.

They moved to Cozumel in 2023 and they are from Norman, Oklahoma. Mark is a retired fireman and Cindy ran a local newspaper. They are a huge blessing to WoG. They built and maintain the website and help with the newsletter for the church. Mark is also a plumber who is always willing to help with any church maintenance including building and remodeling our bathrooms. Cindy is very faithful in our women's ministry. They are also very active in VBS and various church activities all year.



Getting ready for VBS we assembled 200 backpacks full of school supplies and decorated the church for our Vacation Bible School which was held on Aug 1-3.











The balloon animals and decorations were a huge hit with the kids! Lots of work but a lot of fun for the team! VBS was a big success! We had over 206 kids attend as we passed out pack backs with the kid's school supplies. The kids learned about *Diving Into a Relationship With God*. We served over 750 meals and even survived a massive rain storm on the last day. God is good!











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Our new Church plant in Victoria Mexico

Planting a new church! Charlie Moore has been a leader in our church in Cozumel since the beginning. He graduated from seminary last year and has moved to Victoria Mexico to start another Waves of Grace Church. Please keep them in your prayers.



Ongoing prayer requests

- Our new Church plant in Victoria Mexico.
- Find a good, dependable used church van.
- Bringing or joining a mission team to Cozumel.
- Focus on discipleship of our many new believers.
- A cement pad for a basketball/soccer court
 in our backyard.
- Being part of our monthly support team.
- Always keeping our minds on Jesus.

We would love your help!

If you would like to help or participate by visiting Cozumel, please reach out to us at <u>Ken@WavesofGraceChurch.com</u>. If you would like to donate, all donations are U.S. tax deductible, and 100% of all donations go directly to the operation of <u>Waves of Grace Church.</u>

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