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On behalf of the Board of Directors of ROHI Foundation we would like to extend our sincere thanks for your support toward the work in Reynosa, Mexico in 2016. God used Rohi and its partners to show the love of God. Our prayer is that hearts and minds will grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. We want to meet physical needs so that we can point to the Provider of all our needs and our eternal hope in Him. One of our biggest physical needs is water. Because of your gifts in response to God's call on your heart, Rohi was able finish a 4 mile long water distribution system in La Union and other areas that we serve which lacked access to sufficient water. We were also able to upgrade the water system already in place in La Nopalera, resulting in increased water availability. In all, over 400 homes have sufficient clean water for the first time. The 2016 water pipeline project required over \$20,000 and the total for the La Union water well and pipeline project was about \$60,000. We thank you for your generosity!

Rohi's support of the Little Blue Schools, which provide a K-6 education to the children in the colonias, and the Preparatoria (or high school) continues to be a top priority. We are grateful for our continued financial partnership with COCI (*Cherish Our Children International*) as we seek to meet the growing needs. As the Mexican government's financial situation worsened, lessening the resources available to the schools, our assistance has become ever more critical. We continue to provide each student and teacher with school supplies, as well as a pair of shoes and a coat thanks to the collection efforts of our supporters. We also began an after school tutoring program last Spring specifically to ensure the students learned to read. Our average weekly attendance is about 40 students. To combat high rates of anemia and other nutritive deficiencies, we began providing daily vitamin supplements. The high school, or Preparatory, saw its first graduating class of 5 students in 2016. We awarded each graduate a tablet computer to assist them in continuing their studies post-graduation. We expect 10 graduates this year. Attendance continues to hover between 50-60 students. In 2017 we want to add two new classrooms, one which can be used as a computer lab, and bathroom facilities. We have purchased and cleared the land adjacent to the current high school building and are pursuing agreements with the educational authority, SEP, before we complete our fundraising and begin construction.

God has enabled us to expand our ability to meet the abundant medical needs of the community. Last year we had three medical clinics and saw 367 patients. Our clinics now have a stocked pharmacy and we partner with a Mexican distributor to purchase needed medicines. Additionally, we had our second vision clinic that saw 70+ patients and our first dental clinic that saw 12 patients. We had our first annual well check clinic for the 100+ students at La Union, giving each child a soccer uniform to encourage participation.

So much of what we accomplished was enabled by the 109 participants that came on three mission trips – Spring Break, Summer (June) and Thanksgiving. In addition to the medical clinics, water line installation, bathroom refurbishment, land clearing, community celebrations (including the first Easter egg hunt), art studios, sports activities, house painting, as well as many other ministries, we collected and distributed over 150 blankets, 400 coats and 200 galloon sized bags of toiletries. We also had our first STEM Science Day which we plan to offer again this Spring Break trip. We would love for you to join us March 15-19!

The life blood of Rohi continues to be our missionaries, the Garcia family. Their day to day oversight is critical. Yet, their heart and our vision for them will always be to address the spiritual needs of the community. The Garcias are committed to sharing God's word and making disciples. They live in the

community and daily are God's messengers. David and Luzma hold weekly men's and women's Bible studies at Pastor Antonio's church. David preaches weekly at Pastor Antonio's Wednesday night service. They hold marriage counseling sessions. They have regular youth activities, including their summer VBS which had over 55 children. They often give counsel both to the leadership of the community and to the many community members who seek God's wisdom for the problems of daily life.

Organizationally, we continue to write a monthly newsletter, utilize Facebook, and our website ([www.therohifoundation.org](http://www.therohifoundation.org)) to keep supporters abreast of all God is doing in and through Rohi. Sadly, Tom Hochstatter stepped down from the board after many years of faithful service. We are praying God provides new board leadership to expand our capacity to be God's hands and feet.

The Board of Directors of ROHI would ask for your prayers as we plan for 2017. Trips are planned during Spring Break (March 15-19), Summer (June 8-11) and Thanksgiving. Please prayerfully consider joining us and/or partnering through financial donations.

Our prayer for you, our partners in this work, is that the Lord Jesus Christ will strengthen you and bless you and your family for the investment you are making in His Church. May He grant you a 2017 that is full of purpose and life as we serve and worship the God we love.

God Bless,

ROHI Board of Directors