

Gospel Outreach on Mexican Beach

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Resident, tourists and vendors flood Las Glorias beach during Holy Week. Every year, many are reached with the Gospel through CC Boca del Rio's crucifixion play.



After hearing the Good News, a young girl raises her hand to receive Christ.

Every year over 40,000 tourists from Mexico and elsewhere flock to the beaches of Boca del Rio and Las Glorias, Mexico, to celebrate Semana Santa (Holy Week), the week before Easter weekend. Desiring to reach the crowds with the Good News of Jesus, CC Boca del Rio believers have gone for eight years to perform reenactments of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This year, 327 people made commitments for Christ, and thousands more heard about His death and resurrection on their behalf.

This past spring, CC Boca del Rio was joined by a team from CC Costa Mesa's School of Ministry. Forty volunteers were equipped with tracts and Gospels of John. After every performance a message about Jesus was given. Those who wanted to receive Him were led in a prayer of salvation. Then members of the team prayed individually with those who desired prayer. The team helped those who had put their trust in Christ to find churches where they could fellowship and grow spiritually.

CC Boca del Rio missionary Thomas Quirk said, "His grace and mercy moved the hearts of the people as He drew them to Himself." Working with believers in Boca del Rio, the team was able to form deep relationships that continued on even after they went home.

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Tristen Greth and Berlinda Galvez pray over the health and children of a new believer.



Students practiced 7-10 times daily for the live action drama preceding the message.