

T.D. Jakes Ministries Extends Humanitarian Outreach to Mexico This Holiday Season —DALLAS, Dec. 29, 2011

MEGACARE MISSIONS PROVIDES HOLIDAY CHEER TO ORPHANS AND BATTERED WOMEN IN VIOLENCE-STRICKEN MEXICO

MegaCARE Missions, the global humanitarian arm of T.D. Jakes Ministries, is bringing the gifts of help and hope to a Mexican community victimized by poverty and the violence of the ongoing drug wars. In December, staff and volunteers traveled to Reynosa, Mexico, to provide aid and cheer through a holiday carnival and toy distribution.

Members of the MegaCARE team embarked on a mission to Reynosa as part of a Christmas outreach to the city, where people are enduring hardship and fear because of drug-related violence and poverty. In addition to a toy distribution and holiday carnival, the MegaCARE team provided holiday makeovers to women at a local domestic abuse shelter including hair styling, manicures and make-up application to help boost the women's self-esteem. A "store" featuring donated clothing, shoes and handbags allowed the women to select a few Christmas presents for themselves.

"MegaCARE's hope is that the people of Reynosa were encouraged this Christmas season," said Ronnie Guynes, executive director of MegaCARE. "We strive to be a beacon of hope for the innocent women, children and impoverished in this violence-ravaged area."

Outreach efforts in rural Reynosa have become an annual tradition, with 2011 marking the ninth year in the community. MegaCARE will continue to work to respond to the physical and spiritual needs in Reynosa through prison ministry, a women's conference and a 2012 Christmas season outreach.

The Reynosa outreach comes on the heels of another MegaCARE outreach on the other side of the globe. In September, MegaCARE volunteers and staff traveled to Somalia to assist in the drought-stricken nation where an estimated 12 million people are in need of food and water. To date, MegaCARE has provided food and water for more than 5,000 Somali refugees. It also provided medical care through its third medical camp in partnership with Melchizedek Hospital. Medicine, lab work, x-rays and surgical procedures were provided free of charge to more than 1,000 women and children during the two-day camp. Melchizedek Hospital is the home of the Bishop T.D. Jakes Hospital Wing, a two-story facility that provides maternity care to mothers as well as major and minor surgeries for members of the community.

INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE:

- Pastor Ronnie Guynes, executive director of MegaCARE is available for interviews

About The Potter's House

Located in Dallas, The Potter's House is a 30,000-member nondenominational, multicultural church and humanitarian organization led by Bishop T. D. Jakes, twice featured on the cover of *Time* magazine as "America's Best Preacher" and as one of the nation's "25 most influential evangelicals." The Potter's House has four locations: The Potter's House of Dallas, The Potter's House of Fort Worth, The Potter's House of North Dallas

and The Potter's House of Denver, along with a Spanish language church, Casa de Fe. ThePottersHouse.org

About MegaCARE Missions

MegaCARE Missions is an international outreach and relief program that supports and initiates sustainable community development efforts through education, health care assistance, humanitarian service and empowerment. The humanitarian arm of The Potter's House, MegaCARE was founded in 1997 by T.D. Jakes and has implemented programs in the United States, Kenya, Zambia, South Africa, Swaziland, Egypt, India, Bulgaria, Mexico, Belize and Guyana by initiating sustainable development efforts through staff, volunteers and strategic partnerships. MegaCAREMissions.org