



A NICKEL FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

DTS

Left to right: Edgar, Moises, me, Tori, Anthony (speaker), Kristen, Bonnie, Ely, Luke, Mitch (speaker).
Not pictured: Jenn, Zoe, Nadia

D T S

a change of pace

DTS has begun!!!! God has been good, and we have already completed our first two weeks of class. Our 9 students are a diverse group including 4 from the USA, 1 from Canada, and 4 from Mexico. One of our Mexican students is from an indigenous group about 6 hours away. He has a huge heart for evangelism and has been teaching me words in Nahuatl (one of Mexico's main indigenous languages). It is exciting to see the hunger and excitement in the students already!

Bonnie taught our first week of class and students learned about the Inductive Bible Study method and the theme of redemption throughout the Bible. This teaching can apply to every single day of their lives, and as the saying goes: *"Give a man a fish and you'll feed him for a day. But teach a man to fish and you'll feed him for a lifetime."* This is exactly what we are seeking to do! In week 2, we learned about how to bring the Kingdom of God to a region.



Inductive Bible study on Philemon

Besides class time, our weekly schedule includes a few sessions of worship and intercession, personal quiet times, work duties, ministry times, small groups, family night and other events. The DTS is designed to be a time of transformation in which students get to know God in a deeper way and then practice making Him known to others in various ways. We've already seen growth in students as they learn in and outside of class. One of the ways we make God known is through local ministry during the lecture phase. As a DTS we minister weekly in Lugar de Gracia, a local rehab centre run by some of our friends. Last week, the students lead worship, played some games, and shared a short devotional on finding our identity in Christ.



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MUSIC TRACK

the vision

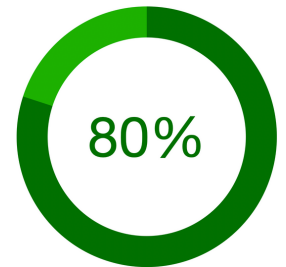
One of my main responsibilities in this season is to organize and run the Music focus of our DTS. Our vision for this track is to expand our understanding of how music can be used to glorify God in life, ministry and missions, and to develop well-rounded abilities. I am extremely excited about this opportunity to use my passion and gifts to help raise up and launch the next generation of worshippers, songwriters, warriors, encouragers, music therapists, teachers, and creatives to reach a broken world with the message of the Gospel. In the coming months I will share more about how we are working to accomplish this.



Every Wednesday evening we have a creative night where students can practice and be creative!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you so much to those who have supported me with one time gifts and regular monthly donations. God has provided everything I need so far, but I am still looking for more monthly supporters. If you are interested in regularly supporting my ministry here in Mexico, I would love to chat with you!



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PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that the DTS students will fully invest and grow with the Lord
- Praise God and continue to pray for health and safety on base
- Pray for wisdom as we determine where our DTS outreach will be
- Continue to pray for the salvation of our neighbour Lupe who runs the house of death (see Nov. newsletter)

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