

# A NICKEL FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

Teaching, Training and Transitioning

Christmas songs and story for our community



## TEACHING & TRAINING

*DTS and Youth Conference*

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20) Part of my job as a missionary in Mexico is to make disciples and to teach what Jesus taught. In November I had the opportunity to teach the students in the Discipleship Training School (DTS) team-building week. The students learned about the nature of the Church as the body of Christ, having its different parts each with their own ability and function. I led various activities that helped to teach interdependence, communication, conflict resolution, and teamwork. These skills will be helpful when the DTS leaves for outreach in January/February.



An activity during DTS team-building week



Youth conference on sexual purity.

Also in November, we ran a youth conference where over 140 young people learned about the biblical sexuality and purity. Some of the main teachings touched on freedom from addictions, a lifestyle of purity, and breakout sessions for guys and girls brought out tough and awkward questions which were asked and answered! I helped to lead worship, and I also helped with tech and the organizational side of the conference. Many of these youth base their understanding of sexuality off of media, so hearing the Biblical truths presented in a loving way was new for many of them!

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## TRANSITIONING

Bonnie and I got engaged on Dec 5 on a mountain overlooking San Juan del Rio (the city we serve in)



On September 24, 2015 I met Bonnie in Ensenada, Mexico when we did our DTS together. We have been friends ever since, and worked very closely together this year. On December 5th, 2021 I asked her to marry me, and she said YES! Bonnie is wise, loving, my best friend, Australian, talented, hilarious, beautiful, and has a MASSIVE heart for discipleship. She leads the DTSS here on base, and loves seeing people walk in identity and reach their greatest potential. Next newsletter I'll give you more details about us and our plans!

I'm very excited for all that God has in store for 2022! Some of my hopes/plans include the following: hosting short-term teams, discipling in rehab centres, staffing a School of Worship, studying in a Discipleship Bible School, recording some English/Spanish worship music with others on base, marrying Bonnie (of course!), and moving out of the guys' house so Bonnie and I can rent our own house!

If any of *your* plans include a short term missions trip, biblical training, or a volunteer trip to Mexico, let me know and let's talk! Or if you're interested in learning more about what I do and how to partner, please let me know! I'd be happy to share :)

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for opening doors for Bonnie and I to get married (an Australian and Canadian getting married in Mexico is challenging!)
- Pray for the DTS students who will be on outreach in January-February
- Please pray that God would open up a door for Bonnie and me to get our Mexican Temporary Residencies.

Please check my website for more up-to-date prayer points.

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