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Bible Engagement, Training & Life Updates



BIBLE ENGAGEMENT

One of YWAM's biggest goals as an organization is to End Bible Poverty Now. One of the main ways that we as a local base are involved with this is *Bible distribution* and *Bible engagement*. Not only do we want to put a bible in people's hands, we want them to understand how to read it, study it, and apply it to their lives!



Every member of this rehab centre is learning how to study the Bible!

"ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED AND IS USEFUL FOR TEACHING, REBUKING, CORRECTING AND TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS."
2 TIMOTHY 3:16

In all of the rehab centres we visit, we give Bibles to each and every member, and then we teach them the Inductive Bible Study method (Pray, Read, Observe, Interpret, Apply). In the Discipleship Training Schools (DTS) that we run, Bonnie teaches Bible overview and the Inductive method so that our students will have tools to study the Bible, understand it, and then share what they are learning! This will be a part of the upcoming DTS starting on the 20th of July! Also, Matt has recently been able to join Brent in a Bible study that he has been doing for a few years with Lupe, the owner and priest of our local "Sanctuary of the Holy Death". We are seeing how God is slowly but surely transforming Lupe through the Word!

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LIFE UPDATES

We filmed a Video Update together last month. Click here to watch it! →

We will continue making video updates to give you all a more personal glimpse into life and ministry here in San Juan del Río! Since getting married in March, we have been busy establishing our home (which we will give a tour of in our next video update!) and learning how to best do life and ministry together. Our first (almost) three months together have been wonderful!



TRAINING & DISCIPLESHIP



Our base joined with four local churches and with the "No Price Tag" organisation to put on a youth conference in our city. We both had the privilege of being a part of the worship team, registration and a lot of the other behind the scenes organisation. Bonnie taught a workshop on "Abandonment to Adoption". There are so many testimonies coming from this conference! Many young people have said that they are now understanding more of their worth in Christ, have had some of their questions about God answered and are also experiencing healing from the past.



This conference was a great time! It is such a privilege to be a part of the body of Christ here in San Juan being able to work alongside so many people to help youth process the things that God is working in their lives.

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Bonnie and I attended a DTS training workshop in Mazatlán to prepare ourselves for the upcoming DTS that we will lead together, starting on July 20th. This workshop gave us practical advice and also went over the DTS curriculum including goals and objectives.

We were super encouraged and challenged in many areas and are even more excited to run the next DTS with a new level of passion and excellence because of all the DTS Centre team imparted.



God opened up a really unique opportunity for Matt to play soccer with the guys from the youth rehab centre on Saturdays. This has allowed for informal times of discipleship along with the formal Bible studies and learning every Monday and Friday. These informal times are also an amazing way that we have been able to connect the local church with rehab centres, which is a goal of our ministry in the upcoming months.



A short but amazing testimony from youth rehab: we have been talking about salvation recently, which many in the centre believe is through works. However, after studying Romans 3 for the past few weeks, I asked them "How are we saved?" One of the youth responded: "Well, I guess through work—wait, no, it's through faith in Jesus Christ!" It is so encouraging to see that they are understanding and remembering key aspects of God and salvation!

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Financial Update

FINANCIAL UPDATES

First of all, we want to thank **all** of you for supporting us. We appreciate your prayers, messages of encouragement, calls, and financial investments. All of these go to further the work that God is doing here in Mexico! Being married, we have adjusted our budget for our new life together and to account for an unfortunate but necessary increase in administrative fees from 2.5% to 5%, explained in detail below. With our new budget, praise the Lord we are already around 75% funded! Here is the explanation given to us by YWAM Project Funding (the organization that processes our donations and tax receipts):

"Over the past number of years there have been several changes that we have had to implement coming from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), this has involved a lot of extra work for the PFO staff and the need for us as a Society to engage more with our lawyers and retain an accounting firm. For the past 3 years we have been getting annual audits on all of our finances to make sure that we are complying with all of the edicts we have received from the CRA. This protects you, the donee and also your donors. With all of these changes our expenses have also risen substantially, unfortunately we are now in the position where we will need to increase our monthly percentage charged on the donations. Currently we are at 2.5% and have been for the last 22 years. This will increase by 1.5% to 4% on April 1st 2022 and then a further 1% on January 1st 2023, for a total of 5%. This decision was not taken lightly as we know well that this has an impact on all of us."

PRAYER POINTS

- For the youth who heard the gospel & biblical truths about controversial topics at the conference
- The young men in the rehab centres who will be finishing the program in the next few months
- For the next Discipleship Training School that we are planning; wisdom, students & staff
- That God would lead us to get our Mexican Temporary Residencies.

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

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