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SLMD GRADUATION

On July 1st we celebrated the graduation of two classes of the School of Leadership and Ministry Development (SLMD). The first one completed their lecture phase in 2020 and was graduating from their Outreach Phase (Matt was a student in this one) and the second one completed their lecture phase on July 1st. This school is designed to train students to develop ministries with excellence, and to steward our leadership—whatever that may look like—as best we can.



Two groups of Leadership School students graduating!



The Huasteca base pioneering team!
(missing: Arjun, Rose, Ricardo)

During the graduation we also celebrated another exciting development: we commissioned the YWAM Huasteca pioneering team!! Over the past couple of years, God has brought their team together, they have done lots of training and preparation work with us and other bases, and now they are beginning their ministry in the Huasteca Potosina, another region in Mexico about 6 hours away from us!

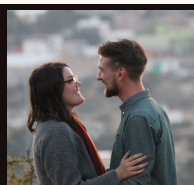
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DTS & DISCIPLESHIP

God is raising up disciples in Mexico! On July 20th we started a new DTS. We have 7 students: 6 of them are Mexican, the other is from the USA! Please be praying for our students, that this would be an incredibly transformational time for all of them. Our desire is that these men and women go on to raise up the next generation of disciples!

We also have Community Class on Monday nights. The first week we had many people from the community, including 5 men from a local rehab centre that we minister in weekly, join in to learn! Bonnie translated the class.



Bonnie translating the evening community class with Rob



Practicing icebreakers for our rehab ministries

Two of our main goals are to know God and make Him known. In this DTS we are working with John + Jenn Koehler to focus heavily on Evangelism. Each week we have Evangelism workshops, ministry preparation times, and various types of ministry. We will have workshops on Children's ministry, Ministry Prep, Street Evangelism, Dramas, Creative Evangelism, Object Lessons, Rehab ministry and others! We are so excited to see God made known in our city and among the nations!



Testimonies with the DTS in our home

During Orientation week (the very first week of DTS), we had a time of sharing testimonies in our house (check out our house tour video if you haven't yet!). It was a very special evening hearing from both students and staff about some of the amazing things that God has done in our lives. It is so encouraging to build our faith in Christ through one another. We heard stories of incredible healing, beautiful redemption, and powerful salvation.

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CHURCH

We love being a part of our local church in Mexico!! We LOVE to gather and share in the Word, worship, prayer and fellowship on Sunday mornings. We can really see God working in the local body as He is stirring us up to get involved in reaching out to the lost in our city. We often are able to serve by leading worship, and Matt had the privilege of preaching in the middle of July.

At the end of June, we both had the honour of speaking at our church's youth gathering.



Sharing with the youth from our church at a local park



During the 2nd Anniversary celebration of our church, we had the privilege of helping to baptize a few of our brothers and sisters in Christ! Around 20 people were baptized that day, declaring their faith in Jesus and their commitment to follow Him for the rest of their lives. It is so exciting and encouraging to see God working in their hearts, drawing them deeper into relationship with Him and being a part of their walk with the Lord. What a privilege to be a part of the Great Commission in this way!

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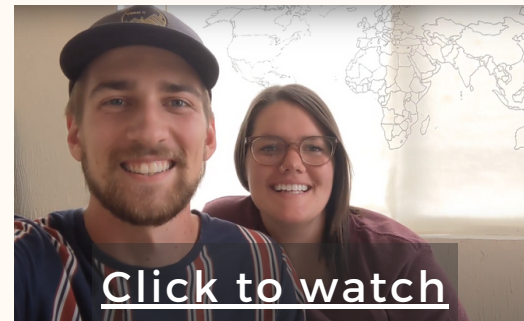
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LIFE UPDATES

Want to know what a house in Mexico is like? We filmed another Video Update together last month. Click here to watch it and let us know what you think is the most interesting thing about Mexican houses! →

If you want to see past updates, check them out here!

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LEADERSHIP & STAFF RETREAT



At the beginning of July our base took a short ministry break to rest, reflect, and reset for the next season. In October we will be celebrating 5 years as a base, so we took some time to look at our 5 year goals that were set back in 2017. All of the goals have been met, and many have been exceeded! God has been SO good!

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PRAYER POINTS

- For the students in DTS, specifically for their discipleship process in these next 5 months
- Wisdom & boldness for the DTS staff as they disciple the students
- Wisdom as we disciple the DTS staff
- That God would lead us to get our Mexican Residencies.

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