

DTS

One of the main responsibilities that Bonnie and I have in this season is to lead the Discipleship Training School (DTS). In this newsletter we wanted to take some time to unpack what a DTS actually is! Officially speaking, it is a 5-6 month program consisting of 12 lecture weeks and 8-12 weeks of outreach. While writing this newsletter, we are in week 9 of class, learning about the Character and Nature of God. Other topics include Fear of the Lord, Bible Overview, Relationships, Evangelism, Frontier Missions, and others.





During lecture phase, we have daily class, worship/intercession times, quiet time, and work duties. Once a week the students have a 1-1 conversation with DTS staff а member, and we also have guys and girls small groups to help the students process what they are learning and to walk alongside them in their discipleship process. Every week we also prepare for and serve in a rehab centre and help with children's ministry on base.



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YOUTH CAMP

Normally the DTS has a 8-12 week outreach that takes place after the lecture phase, however we wanted to integrate the two sections together to give the students a chance to share what they have learned earlier in their school. In the middle of August, the DTS had 1 week of outreach leading a youth camp about 2 hours away from San Juan del Río. The DTS students were in charge of teaching. leading games and activities. and planning parts of the camp. They did a great job!





Testimony time!! During the campfire, we had a time of prayer and reflection. Many of the youth were touched by God in this time. One of the mom's spoke with Bonnie after the camp and said "My son came to me and said he had an amazing encounter with the Lord and saw Him washing his sins away. He has never experienced anything like this before. His life has been completely changed". We know that God is working among the youth in Mexico! It was so encouraging to see the DTS students we have been discipling begin to disciple others!

Check out our video on the final page for more highlights from the youth camp!

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REHAB DIRECTOR DINNER

In past updates we have talked working with many about centres, and we have shared about the ministry we have done with the members of those centres. However, at the beginning of August, we decided to host a dinner for the leaders of the rehab centres. Many of these people are not Christians, and they are the ones who spend the most time with the rehab members. We felt prompted to invest in them, encourage them, and share the gospel with them, in hopes that one day they can share their faith with the people who participate in their rehab programs. Micha, one of our missionary friends from Germany who serves with us on base, headed up the event, and it was a great success!





Rob Harryman, one of our base directors, shared a bit about who we are, what we do, and why we do it. John Koehler shared the gospel, and then many of the missionaries on base who regularly visit rehab centres shared words of encouragement with the leaders. The DTS was involved in preparing and serving a delicious Spaghetti, Salad and garlic bread meal. Please pray that the leaders of these centres would make Christ Jesus their Saviour and Lord, and that their rehab centres would reflect that decision!

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VIDEO UPDATE

Last month we published a video update with highlights from the youth camp back in August! Check it out here, and don't miss the bloopers at the end \rightarrow

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

PAST UPDATES



VISA RENEWAL/MINI HOLIDAY



At the end of September we had to leave Mexico to renew our visas. Matt's parents had already planned a trip to Orlando and they invited us to stay with them there for a few days. It was a lovely time with Matt's entire family, and we got our visas renewed!

We were also treated to a couple days in Disney to celebrate Matt's mum's birthday (the same age as Disney World)!

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PRAYER POINTS

- For the students in DTS, specifically for their 6-week outreach in from the end of Oct. to the beginning of Dec.
- Wisdom & boldness for the DTS staff as they continue to disciple the students, especially on outreach!
- That God would lead us to get our Mexican Residencies.

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