

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE NICKELS?



D T S

On January 25th we started our seventh Discipleship Training School (DTS) here at YWAMQ! It is a small school with just two students, but it has already been transformational for all of us, staff and students alike. We have been encouraged and challenged to dig deeper in our relationships with the Lord and to push into "iron sharpening iron" as we go on our discipleship journey together. For the next 11 weeks we will be preparing the staff and students for the next phase; 8 weeks of outreach!



Bonnie teaching in the evening edition of the DTS

Bonnie with the 3 DTS staff: Will, Nadia, and Kristen (left to right)



For the past 5 years, Bonnie has been leading DTSSs at YWAMQ. More recently Bonnie has been training up future DTS leaders! Nadia, Kristen and Will all did DTS under Bonnie's leadership, and now all three of them are staff! Nadia and Kristen also staffed the last DTS, and they are both very interested in leading DTS in the future. Will is in charge of the evangelism workshops and is already doing a great job, of helping the students prepare for different types of ministry.

Please pray for Bonnie, that she would have wisdom in how to train these staff up, and for Will, Nadia and Kristen as they take on new responsibilities and disciple our DTS students.

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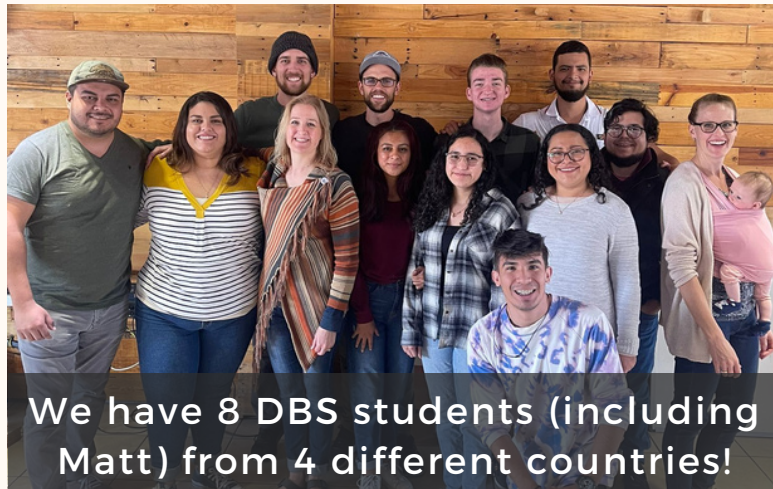


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DBS

On January 23rd, Matt went back to school as a student in the Discipleship Bible School (DBS). This is a 5 month school consisting of 3 months of lectures and 2 months of outreach. During lecture phase we have 15 hours of class per week where we study a specific group of books (Pentateuch, Kings, Prophets, Gospels, etc.) and learn historical and cultural background. So far the classes have been awesome!



Every afternoon (except for Tuesdays when we go to rehab) we spend 3 hours reading the Bible out loud. By the end of the 3 month Lecture Phase, we will have read through the entire Bible! Since all of the students either speak Spanish or are English/Spanish bilingual, we are reading in Spanish. This is really helping Matt to continue to improve in his ability to speak Spanish, especially biblical lingo that isn't as common!

On Tuesday afternoons the DBS heads to a local rehab centre along with the DTS to lead a Bible study, worship, pray, and fellowship together with the men there. We are doing an inductive Bible study of Colossians, and have focussed in on God's forgiveness through Christ's sacrifice in death. The men have lots of questions, which opens up many doors for discussions about the gospel! **Please pray that these men would make Jesus Lord!**



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TEAMS

Between January and March our base will be receiving 9 teams! Ranging in size from 2 to 26 people, we are open to teams of all sizes who are ready to share the Gospel, serve, and advance the Kingdom of God here in Mexico! If you are interested in volunteering or bringing a team down, please let us know! We would be happy to answer any questions you have or give you more information.



CONSTRUCTION

Construction has been going really well! The children's ministry room phase is complete, and we are now on phase 2, which is the second level expansion of the classroom. If you're interested in getting involved, click the button for more info. →

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Pic #1: Yellow box shows wall being built **Pic #2:** Red box shows same wall with windows & room roofed in!

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FAMILY UPDATE

In case you haven't heard... **WE'RE EXPECTING!** Baby Nickel is due mid-July. We are very grateful that everything is well with both baby and Bonnie. We have received great medical care and have felt very loved and supported by our family and friends. We're extremely excited to grow our family and see what God has planned for this human (who seems to be growing SO FAST!).



CANADA



In January we made a quick trip to Canada for 5 days to celebrate Matt's sister's wedding! Bonnie got to meet some of Matt's extended family that she had not met before, and we also got to connect with our church family at Grandview church! We praise God for such an encouraging sending church who support us so well! We plan for our next trip to Canada to be longer so we can connect individually with you. Please let us know if you'd be interested in connecting in person!

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PRAYER POINTS

- Wisdom for Bonnie as she discipled and trains up future DTS leaders
- Good retention and ability to apply what Matt is learning in the DBS
- Healthy pregnancy!
- That God would continue to lead us in obtaining our Mexican Residency.

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

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