

# WHAT'S NEW WITH THE NICKELS?



## CHURCH REHAB TRAINING

Over the past year or so, our rehab ministry on base has expanded to the point where we visit 7 different rehab centres every week, and when we have teams visiting we often minister in even more rehab centres. God has put it on our hearts to focus more of our efforts on training and equipping the local church to reach the rehab centres, so that 1) the impact is greater than we could ever have as a mission's base, 2) to help the Church fulfill our calling to be the hands and feet of Jesus and 3) so that once people finish their rehab program, they can more easily get connected with the local church that has been investing in their rehab centre. In order to accomplish this, we hosted Church Rehab Training workshops.



Matt teaching a Christian approach to rehabilitation



Bonnie translating a workshop on "How to care for people dealing with trauma and pain"

Over the course of 5 weeks, members from a local church gained practical and scripture based knowledge and skills to be able to effectively serve in a rehab centre. This local church was so excited to get involved, and has already visited various centres to apply what they learned in the workshops. Matt had the opportunity to teach based on the research he did last year, and Bonnie translated one of the workshops.



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## D T S

The DTS recently spent one week hosting a high school team from Missouri. We went with them to minister to children and families in different neighbourhoods, rehab centres and Bonnie even helped teach science in three local primary schools! We host this high school every year and we love it for many reasons; we get to work with young people, we get to minister alongside them, and we see a passion for missions birthed as they invest in this nation. There's nothing quite like it!



## D B S

Matt has continued in the Discipleship Bible School, and has only 2 weeks of lecture phase left! All the students have read and studied through the entire Old Testament in the past 2 months and will finish the New Testament in the next two weeks. Matt has had the opportunity to apply what he has learned in rehab centres and in our neighbourhood, leading a bible study with the local priest of the "Sanctuary of the Holy Death".



**Pic #1:** Daniel, one of the DTS students we graduated last year who is now taking the DBS with Matt, sharing his testimony in the rehab centre we visit every week



**Pic #2:** Matt led a Bible study with the leader of the House of the Holy Death

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## OUR FAMILY!

Last month (on March 19th) we celebrated our first wedding anniversary! This time has been such an adventure and we're so grateful that God brought us together. This past year we have been able to travel, work, lead a DTS, study and start our family together (our daughter will be arriving around July 18!). God has been so good and faithful and we're excited for many more years together!

Also, last month we went to the doctor to have a checkup and were told that we would need to be monitored over the next few because our girl was only in the **10th** percentile and she needed to grow if we wanted to have a natural birth. Over the following weeks, we prayed. This month we had another checkup and the doctor was absolutely shocked as she told us that our daughter was in the **90th** percentile! We are so grateful that we serve such a good and faithful God! Praise Him for this healthy baby and mum!



## FATHER + DAUGHTER EVENT

Bonnie had the opportunity to share her testimony at a special event designed to help fathers connect with their daughters. We believe God wants to "turn the hearts of the fathers towards their children" (Malachi 4:6), and this is one of the ways we try to facilitate that. The evening was a great success, and many dads expressed that this evening awakened a stronger desire in them to be more intentional with their children!



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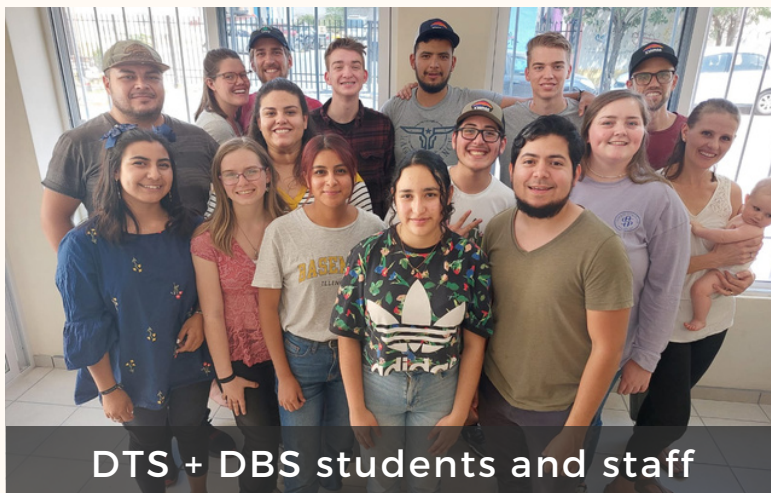
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## OUTREACH

In all of our schools, we aim to put into practice what we learn. We would love for you to join this team and help us send the nations to the nations! The rest of our outreach team consists of 8 from the USA, 2 Salvadorians, 4 Mexicans, and 1 Canadian. The outreach will be within Mexico in the states of Veracruz and Sonora. Our part of the outreach won't involve as much travel because we will be getting close to our baby's due date! We will only go on outreach for the first two weeks, then we will return to San Juan del Río and do local outreach. Matt will continue running Bible studies in rehab centres and will also be running some workshops in our community, with a specific goal to teach parents how to do Bible studies at home with their children! We are so passionate to see the Word of God transform entire families! We've seen Him do it and are



excited to see Him do it again. For us, school outreach always signifies the end of a season. As we come to the end of this season we are so grateful to have been a part of both the DTS and the DBS. We are so excited to witness God's hand at work in all of us as a team and those we minister to. We'd love to have you partner with us in prayer as we share what we have learnt about God's character and nature!

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## PRAYER POINTS

- Pregnancy would continue to be healthy!
- Wisdom as we minister to families in our city. Restoration & redemption.
- Safety, wisdom, & open hearts as we go on outreach with DTS & DBS. That His will be done through us!
- More missionaries! (Luke 10:2)

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

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