

# WHAT'S NEW WITH THE NICKELS?



## VERACRUZ OUTREACH

We are back from Veracruz! In our [last ministry update](#), we asked you to join us in praying for the following:

1. Open doors to share the gospel
2. That God would cause growth from the seeds we plant
3. For more missionaries from Veracruz to answer the call!
4. Safety and protection, especially for Bonnie and baby!

*Thank you for praying!  
We are so thrilled to give some updates on these requests!*



Bonnie and Baby got to do ministry... baby's first missions trip!



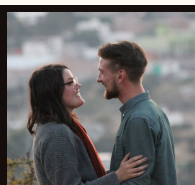
Various people shared testimonies of how God expanded their understanding of missions!

1. We visited 10+ homes in Veracruz. We encouraged believers who can't go to church for health reasons and shared the gospel with non-believers. 3 people accepted the Lord! Fortunately they live beside a church we partnered with and will have follow up!
- 2&3. One lady from church (pictured above right) shared how she realized through our trip that missions is a call that the Lord has extended to all Christians. She didn't realize Christians were called to missions because she had only experienced Mormon missionaries. Multiple people from this same church were interested in taking our next missions training course, the DTS, which starts on July 26, 2023.
4. Bonnie and baby are both happy and healthy. We had an appointment when we returned to San Juan. Everything is good, we are just watching Bonnie's blood sugar.

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## "HOW TO LEAD A BIBLE STUDY" COURSE

From February until now, Matt has been studying in the Discipleship Bible School (DBS). This has been an amazing season of personal growth and training for Matt as he read and studied through the entire Bible in 3 months. One of his goals in taking the school was to be much better equipped not only to teach the Word, but also to teach others how to study the word on their own. This goal has been made a reality in the past couple of weeks! Every Monday night for the past 4 Mondays, Matt ran a course on "How to Lead Bible Studies" using the inductive Bible study method. While this method can be used for individual study as well, his goal was specific: to equip parents with the tools they need to lead their families in studies of God's word. Between 15-25 people have attended each night, and have commented that this has been a very practical and helpful course! We are excited and praying that God will use this to strengthen families in San Juan del Rio!



These types of ministries—ones that **empower people and call them to action**—is something that we intend to focus more of our effort on in the future. Both the "Rehab Ministry Training" (see next page for details) and "How to Lead a Bible Study" courses train and equip the local church to fulfill the purpose and mission that God has for us. We are imploring God for more workers, because the harvest is great! We both desire to "equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12). **Please join with us in praying that we would be effective in equipping the saints!**

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## REHAB

Back in February and March we were involved in an effort to train and equip members from a local church to serve in local rehab centres. We've got very exciting news: it's working! A couple weeks ago Matt joined a group (1 of 3) that went to one of the local rehabs we visit weekly. The group shared testimonies of how God has healed them and transformed them, taught biblical lessons, led worship, and prayed for the men and women in the rehab centre. Below you can see five people who attended the training workshop praying for people, putting into practice what they learned in the workshop!



We are very excited about some developments with rehab ministry. As you can see, the Church is starting to get involved with rehab ministry, and we believe this is only the beginning! Just last week we had a conversation with a family from our local church that is looking to get involved. Next week Matt will be meeting with the pastor of our church in Mexico to talk about opportunities to get members from the church (specifically the youth!) involved in rehab centres. God is doing new things and we love it! When you think about these centres and the church here in San Juan, please pray that their relationship would continue to grow and be strengthened!

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## OUR VISION/MISSION

As you may have noticed in this newsletter (we noticed it while we wrote and reflected on these past few months) there has been a theme in the type of ministry we are doing. From leading a course on "How to Lead Bible Studies", to equipping church members to minister in rehab centres, to training up future DTS leaders, we are investing our time not only into meeting needs, but also **equipping others** to meet those needs!

As our family transitions from having two members to now having three, we have been praying and asking the Lord for direction and specific vision. We have no doubt that our call is to Mexico, to serve in San Juan del Río with Youth With A Mission Queretaro. However both our family and the base is going through similar transitions: we are growing.



Multiplication is happening! Discipleship is happening! God is causing fruit to grow! These are all exciting things, and they all imply change. We have both been praying into how God wants to use our individual gifts and how He wants us to minister as a family, and we are excited for what is to come!

If you're interested in our previous newsletters (including a [special baby newsletter](#)), you can visit our [website](#). Thank you for your continued investment and support!

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### PRAYER POINTS

- Pregnancy would continue to be healthy!
- Wisdom for future plans with connecting churches to rehab centres
- Safety & wisdom with the base expansion & construction!
- More missionaries! (Luke 10:2)

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

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