

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE NICKELS?



CANADA TEAM

From June 23 - July 4 we hosted a team from Canada! One of our good friends Luke and his friend Dan came to minister and serve during a break from University courses.



Investing in the young men in our neighbourhood with sports camp!

The Canada team had 2 main ministries: serving in rehab centres and running a youth sports camp. They served in 4 different rehab centres sharing their testimonies and leading worship and bible studies. They even had the wonderful opportunity to lead a few people to Christ while they were here! Then in the evenings we ran a sports camp for the young men in our neighbourhood. Events like these may seem insignificant, but building relationship with these young men is often the first step in starting a discipleship relationship with them!

The Canada Team also was a huge help in getting one of our newer rental properties ready in time for other summer teams. They installed a sink, painted, fixed a stove, moved a lot of beds, and did lots of other little jobs in order to get the house in working order!



Rehab ministry: leading times of worship, testimony, and bible studies

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YOUTH CONFERENCE

On July 12 & 13 we helped to run a youth conference in Cadereyta, a small town about 1 hour northeast of San Juan. The conference focuses on topics that are hard to talk about such as sexuality, addictions, abuse, abandonment, depression, anxiety, suicide (just to name a few). The goal of the conference is to bring a Biblical perspective to these topics, and for youth to find freedom and hope in Christ in the midst of struggles related to them.



Both Bonnie and Matt had the opportunity to share their testimonies (see the pics above). Bonnie shared during a workshop on Abandonment and the Father Heart of God, and Matt shared his during the boys breakout group and Q&A panel. We also both facilitated the registration and Bonnie worked hard before the event to organize the run sheet! 223 people came to this event and heard biblical perspectives on some very sensitive topics. We believe that many youth in this community will experience the fullness Jesus Christ and the freedom and abundant life He offers us!

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NEW SEASONS

With Evie's arrival, we both have a break from work to focus on our family. Bonnie will rest from her normal work for a couple of months, and then ease back into tasks while still caring for Evie. Matt took 2 weeks off and then eased back into his regular schedule.



Bonnie training Will (from USA) and Jhenni (Mexican), two of the staff who are in charge of the next DTS

For the past 6 years, Bonnie has led DTS on base. As she takes time to care for Evie and a new DTS started on July 26, she spent a few weeks in July training up the next generation of disciple makers! This aligns with Bonnie's heart to *release generational destiny through discipling young people to their greatest potential in their sphere of society, and empower others to do the same.*

Matt has been using his administrative gifts to develop a better system for scheduling and organizing our teams, schools, and base activities. He taught a workshop to our entire staff team to make sure we are all on the same page. He has been improving systems in our finance and maintenance departments as well.



Matt's background in computer science (a.k.a. problem modelling & solving) gave him the skills to know how to develop healthy and effective systems. He loves being able to contribute to the base in this unique way in order to help everything run smoothly.

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FAMILY NEWS



First and foremost we would like to introduce you to Evelyn Rose!! Born on July 24th at 7pm, weighing 3.35 kgs (7 lbs, 6 oz), Evie is happy and healthy! See the next page for a bit more on what she's been up to and a few pics! Along with Evie, we've had a lot changes and activity around the Nickel home! Matt's parents and one of Bonnie's sisters have been able to visit, and Bonnie's mum and other sister will be visiting us in the next few weeks.

We have had lovely visits enjoying our time together, games, fun, and delicious homemade food.



Our new (used) car, affectionately nicknamed "Ralph"!!

In our last newsletter we presented various opportunities in which you could partner with us as we enter this new season of parenthood. We were extremely overwhelmed by your generosity and want to say **thank you very much** to everyone who participated in our fundraiser. We were able to purchase almost all of the items on our list including a washing machine, change table, passport and a used car! Thank you so much!

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As our family is growing, so is our budget! If you are interested in knowing more about our needs or about becoming one of our monthly supporters, please feel free to contact us on either of our social media accounts or at mattnickelmusic@gmail.com or bonnie.jaclyn@gmail.com

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise for a healthy birth! 🙌
- Wisdom for plans with connecting churches to rehab centres
- Safety & wisdom with the base expansion & construction!
- More missionaries! (Luke 10:2)
- Wisdom in how to raise our daughter to love and serve the Lord.

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

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EVIE'S EDITION

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INTRODUCTION

Hello, I'm Evelyn Rose Nickel Nickel, but you can call me Evie! ("EeeVee"). I'm almost four weeks old and I want to share a little bit about my life as a missionary in Mexico. I'm still new to the job, but my parents have already given me some pretty big responsibilities! Most importantly, both mum and dad need lots of hugs, so I help them out with that every day.



The other day we went to the civil registry to get my birth certificate. Because I'm officially registered here, and I'm Mexican, I'll be helping mum and dad get their permanent residency! This will help ALL of us be missionaries here long term!

You may be wondering about my name, and yes, it has 2 Nickels in it! In Mexico, we get to have our dad's AND mum's last names, so since mummy changed her last name to Nickel, I'm doubly a Nickel!!

I'm excited to tell you more about my life as a missionary in Mexico in the next newsletters "The 3 Nickels" send out! 🧑🧒👶

EVIE'S MILESTONES

July 24, 2023

Born 🧒

August 15, 2023

Slept through the night for the first time 🧑🧒👶