

# WHAT'S NEW WITH THE NICKELS?



## TEAMS

In November we were both involved in hosting a team from the USA. They did a whole variety of things, including rehab ministry, sharing in a children's home and at a school, serving a meal for the rehab director's dinner (see page 2), setting up for Journey To Bethlehem (see page 3), among other things. We both helped to translate, drive, and facilitate ministry for this team, and it was such an encouraging time for everyone!



Bonnie translating for a team in a children's home

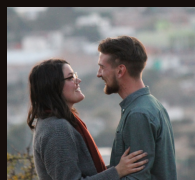


God moved powerfully through the sacrifice and willingness of this team! It's always such an amazing time getting to work with teams from different places. This particular group was incredibly encouraging, very passionate, and brought a genuine joy with them wherever they went! The Canopy - we are excited for your next visit already!

Each team brings a unique set of skills, abilities, passions, and gifts. If you are interested in bringing a team down, please reach out to us and we'd be more than happy to walk you through the process! We hope to see you soon!



Canopy team cutting up fruit while preparing a snack for the children's home



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## 52 IN 520 (REHAB MINISTRY)



We have been making progress on the 52 in 520 initiative! We had a meeting with all base staff to brainstorm and pray about next steps, and how different people would be involved. We are organizing a team of intercessors who will pray every single day for this initiative, as well as designating point people that will help facilitate church trainings, rehab connections, and other key roles. We have also created a map of all known rehab centres in the city, colour coding them in order to see progress! [Click on the map](#) picture to explore it!

One of the main goals of 52in520 is to get churches involved in reaching our city. In 2024 one of our goals is to run 3 training workshops with 3 churches, which we hope will result in at least 6 new rehabs being reached (at least 2 small groups from each church). **Please pray that these trainings will be effective and useful!**



We recognize that a key to rehab ministry is our relationships with the rehab directors. Many are not Christians, and run their rehab centres in a way that does not honour God or the people they serve. Last month we ran a Rehab Directors dinner to strengthen our relationships with them, and share the gospel directly with them, in hopes that through interactions like these, and weekly connection, many will come to know the Lord and base their treatment on the bible!

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## JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM



Bonnie explaining to the cast + crew the various roles for Journey to Bethlehem

This Christmas we decided to attempt a massive evangelistic campaign with the hopes of reaching many people in our city with the hope of the gospel of Jesus. We ran "Journey To Bethlehem", a guided tour where people could experience the first Christmas. We had never done anything quite this large-scale before, so it was quite the logistical challenge, but Bonnie took it on and worked with John + Jenn to organize the entire thing!

We invited missionaries and local churches to be involved in the cast and crew, and had over **140** volunteers assist in evangelizing over **500** people from the community throughout the event!! The entire experience was centred around Jesus. At the end of the journey we had pastors, missionaries, and church members waiting to pray and process with people. It was a lot of hard work, but we know that God was working throughout the whole thing, in the design and preparation, the acting, the connections, and the final cleanup.



Matt as a Rabbi reading from the scroll of Isaiah about the coming Messiah



Missionaries, church members & pastors prayed with people at the end

We heard many testimonies, including this one:  
*"I thank God for letting me see Jesus through the people who served. In everyone's tired feet, in the kids that sang although they were tired or hungry, in the broken people who surrendered their lives to God, for the tears that I saw. For so much generosity from the people who left their countries to love Mexico even without knowing the language. Jesus unites us, that is our common language. Being united disciples, disregarding denomination, just loving Him and the lost souls."*

—Silvia

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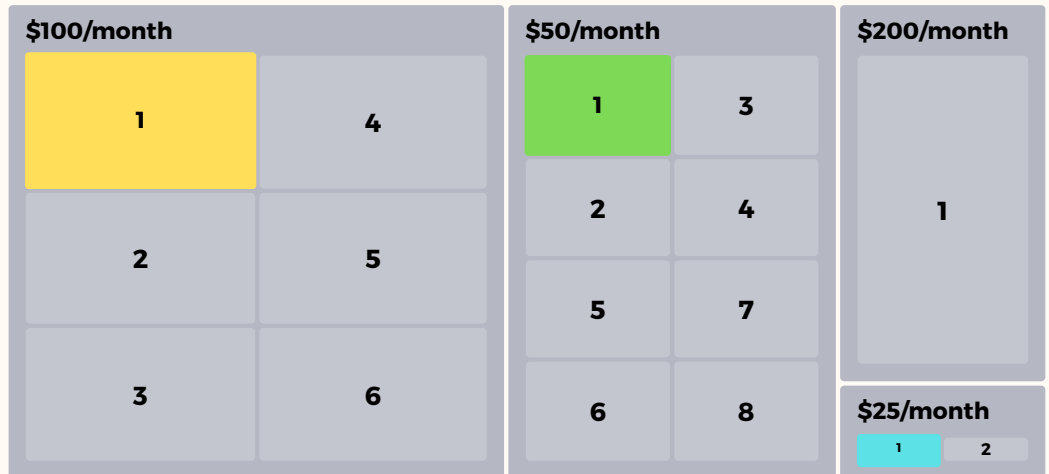
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## FAMILY NEWS

We are extremely grateful to God and to each and every one of you for everything that He has allowed us to be a part of this year. We are also very thankful for the doors that He has opened up for us to continue establishing our family here and to put down roots. Since July, God has opened the doors and YOU have been faithfully walking alongside us in the process of establishing ourselves here long-term, including these crucial steps:

- we received Permanent Residency in Mexico 🇲🇪
- Matt applied for and received his Mexican drivers' license 🇲🇪
- we bought our first car here in Mexico 🚗
- we opened a Mexican bank account 🏦



Our next big step is to become fully funded so that we can sustainably

continue our ministry and be able to save toward buying a house here. If you are interested in joining our financial partnership team, these are some suggested ranges that would be very helpful for us as we work towards our monthly goal.

Any amount is greatly appreciated, and we don't want to limit anyone to these numbers. The breakdown simply helps us to visualize what is still needed in order for us to be fully funded. If you are interested in partnering financially, please reach out to us to claim a box or two!

We would be happy to help you with any questions you may have.



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Got questions? Please feel free to contact us on any of our social media accounts or at

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## PRAYER POINTS

- Wisdom for the 52 in 520 initiative
- That God would provide the extra \$1250 monthly support
- 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

## VOL. 2

Hellooooo! It's me, Evie, back with some more very exciting news in Evie's Edition! As you can tell by the picture to the right, I'm getting ready to brave some cold weather... That's right, the Nickels are going to be visiting Canada in February!! Woohoo!!! My first airplane trip, my first time seeing snow, and of course, my first time meeting many of you in person!!



I would really love to meet each and every one of you, so please reach out to mum and dad so that we can plan a time to get together! We will be in Canada from Feb 1-25, and one of our main goals is to connect with everyone who is a part of our team (you guys!). We would love to go out for coffee, share a meal, or just go for a walk in the snow together and share more of what God has been doing here in Mexico! I can't wait to meet you!!



We dressed up fancy for my dedication at church

In November, I had a really special day! We love our church family here in San Juan del Río, and on the 26th of November, mum and dad dedicated me before the whole church family. The pastors and elders prayed for me and the church committed to helping mum and dad raise me in the ways of the Lord! Mum and dad say that they're really excited to see the plans God has for me!

## EVIE'S MILESTONES

**Oct. 24, 2023** - My travel VISA for Canada was approved

**Nov. 26, 2023** - I was dedicated at my church in

Mexico! 🏰