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AVODAH Bimonthly Newsletter



Teresa demonstrates to students how to label parts of the body during a game at Boca (left). Dick helps Damaris with a worksheet on adjectives (below)

FEBRUARY VISITORS

For a lot of our friends who live in the colder climates, February can bring low temperatures and snow, but here in Mexico, February brought us...VISITORS!!!!



We were so happy to host AVODAH board members, Jeff and Teresa in early February. They got the chance to experience the joy and excitement of helping 1st-6th graders in Boca de Tomatlan learn body parts. We sang and acted out "Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" and challenged the students in a race to label the body parts of life-size posters (almost!) of "Isabel" and "Felipe". The students had fun racing to the board, and enjoyed winning lollipops.

After Jeff and Teresa were off to their next adventure (a mission trip to Tijuana), we hosted our friends Pat and Dick. Dick was the pastor who was supposed to marry us in Puerto Vallarta nine years ago but didn't clear customs-long story! They were glad to finally get to Puerto Vallarta after nine long years 😊 and loved helping the students learn adjectives to describe a good person. Curtis and I were so happy to share our world with our friends, and the students always love to meet new people.

Feb/Mar 2025 Highlights

February Visitors

Ministry in the
Community

Healing Ministry

Meet Pastor Serg
from Paradise
Church in Puerto
Vallarta!



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MINISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY

Mid February, our School of Kingdom Ministry (SoKM) Module 2 class hit the streets to practice Power Evangelism. Groups of three asked the Holy Spirit for details about where to go and what/whom to look for to determine where they could partner with God to pray for others. Four teams went out in various parts of the Puerto Vallarta area to look for what the Holy Spirit showed



Doing power evangelism at Costco

them, which could be anything, including names, colors, clothing, specific objects, emotions, etc. Our team (photo above) felt that we were being led to Costco, with prompts such as ice cream, yellow, anger, loneliness, etc. We found a man buying a refrigerator in anticipation of his extended family coming to visit the following week. We prayed a blessing over him and the visit and talked for the next 20 minutes- it turns out he was in no hurry and was thankful for the interruption from a group of three strangers.

We are happy to report that we have started up the afterschool program in El Tuito! We worked with town officials and the schools, who selected the 43 kids (grades 4-6) who would be part of the first two English classes. We teach four days a week; one group of students comes for class Monday and Thursday, and the other Tuesday and Friday.

The students come directly from school to the town library where we provide a healthy snack before the 50 minute class. On the first day, we were surprised that town officials showed up to kick off the program while parents and grandparents gathered to



Aldo tells parents and grandparents about the English program

learn about the new program. The students arrived with notebooks in hand, ready to learn. We taught them basic greetings, classroom instructions, and numbers 1-10. They are smart and polite and really want to learn. It is a joy and a privilege to be able to teach them.



Students try peanut butter on apples for the first time



Cleaning up after the first class

HEALING MINISTRY

Curtis and I took a few days for continuing education. We felt God led us to the Empowered Conference in Ankeny, IA, which focuses on training participants to bring people to freedom by leading them through forgiveness and deliverance. Randy Clark, Bill Johnson, Charity Cook, and Mike Hutchings were the speakers at the conference. Mike spoke about how God heals PTSD, a topic which we found to be very interesting. I got a word of knowledge during the conference and was blessed to be able to pray for six people. Randy Clark personally prayed for Curtis and me, which was neat. As a result of attending the conference, we feel that we are now equipped to help others heal from unforgiveness.



Empowered conference in Ankeny, Iowa

Last weekend both of our School of Kingdom Ministry classes (Module 1 and Module 2) finished their 8 and 9 week sessions. The Module 2 class topics consisted of Identity and Healing. Module 3, the last module of the certificate course, covers Relationships, Prophecy, and Power Evangelism. We plan to host this class, as well as Module 1 & 2 when high season comes again later this year. We celebrated the completion of the

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courses with a potluck. We are so proud of our students!



As we come to a close, we can't help but think about how blessed we are. 2 Corinthians 9:8 says "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." We believe that God provides through the generosity of our supporters so that we can do good works for others. Thank you for your support. I can't say this enough, we couldn't do this without you!

Curtis & Catherine

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If you would like to donate to AVODAH, we are currently fundraising for the expansion of the El Tuito afterschool program. Our goal is to raise funds for additional classes, including more English classes and computer classes. There are various methods to donate on our website and all donations are tax-deductible:

<https://www.globalavodah.com/>

The Hebrew word "avodah (ah-vod-ah)" is translated in English as both work & worship. A more accurate English translation when referring to work is service. God receives Work as Worship done unto Him. Put simply – Work is worship. The similarity between the two clarifies that in God's eyes our work is worship in that it is not done for our own benefit, but rather as an offering to Him.