

JANUARY 2025

AVODAH appenings

AVODAH Bimonthly Newsletter



SoKM Module 2 class discussion (left). SoKM Module 1 activation (above)

MAKING KINGDOM MINISTERS

God is really moving here in Mexico! We were blessed to have the majority of our School of Kingdom Ministry (SoKM) Module 1 class continue to Module 2 in January. We are also concurrently running another Module 1 class, guided by our co-facilitators, Michelle and Don. People here are hungry to learn more about the Holy Spirit and how we can hear Him better in our everyday lives and step into what God is doing for others. It is so exciting to see people experience how God is always working in our lives, and in the lives of people around us, and how He wants us to partner with Him in doing so! The weekly classes will run through the end of March. Module 1 students are learning about Worldviews, Kingdom Theology, and the Holy Spirit. Module 2 students have four sessions about our identity in Christ, followed by five sessions on healing. We are learning and growing with the students and are thrilled to be training kingdom ministers. It is truly a blessing to be coming alongside our eager students.

January 2025 Highlights

Making Kingdom Ministers

Following the Leading of the Holy Spirit

School Updates

A Little Jesus

Meet Sara! She interned with AVODAH for the month of January.



Sara worked to establish AVODAH's social media profile on Facebook and Instagram. She also provided worship at multiple events, and helped us kick off "Everyone Needs a Little Jesus" outreach. Her heart for kids was a blessing to the students in Boca de Tomatlan. We will miss her!

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FOLLOWING THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

At the end of January, we had the honor of hosting pastor and author Putty Putman. Putty conducted a workshop for 60+ expats and local people entitled "Following the Leading of the Holy Spirit". The workshop was translated live into Spanish, and Spanish speaking listeners received the teaching through headsets.



Putty provided biblical teaching and engaged the audience with personal stories of how he had personally experienced partnering with the Holy Spirit to make people feel seen and known by God. Putty led the group through several activities designed to practice hearing from the Holy Spirit, then partnering with the Holy Spirit to be a blessing to others. Workshop attendees were amazed that they could easily hear how God wanted to encourage others, and surprised when the

messages they received from others really hit the mark. Over a period of a few hours, people became encouraged that hearing from God is a skill that can be practiced and done by anyone.



Putty followed the Saturday workshop with a message at Paradise Church on Sunday morning where he shared his story of how he was a skeptical scientist whom God used to heal another person. The message that God uses ordinary people to work with Him for the benefit of His kingdom was well-received by the congregation. People were encouraged that any ordinary person can have this experience with God.

SCHOOL UPDATES

After a long Christmas break, the students at the primary school in Boca de Tomatlan were welcomed back with a midyear exam! It was very rewarding to be able to see how much the kids had learned during the first half of the year, and to help jog their memories on the concepts that haven't yet been cemented. They were surprisingly very eager to show how much they had learned and several of



Curtis helps a 3rd grade boy with his midyear English test

them insisted on taking their tests home to finish them. We also gave prizes to those who had perfect attendance for the first half of the year, a total of 22 kids (out of about 90) received a "dulce" (sweet) for showing up for every English class. We are encouraging students to come to class every week in the second half as well with promise of a prize at year end. Bribery, yes, but it seems to work! :)

EL TUITO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

We are happy to report that we have a location and a start date for the El Tuito afterschool program. We will be starting English classes on February 25 at the town library. We will be teaching English four days per week; two groups of 3-6th grade students will attend twice a week. School ends at 12:30 pm, then the students will arrive for a light snack, followed by English class. Since there are over 600 students in grades 3-6 in El Tuito and we are guessing the demand for English classes will be high, the school officials will be setting specific criteria to narrow down the pool of students, as we will be able to start with just 40 students.

Once the program is established, we envision adding more classes and additional teachers. We are thankful that God is paving the way for this program, providing a good location and enabling us to be able to teach during ideal hours, i.e. promptly after school.



El Tuito Library- future home of AVODAH English classes

EVERYONE NEEDS A LITTLE JESUS

We found these little Jesus figures (thanks, Margaret Mount!) and thought we would start placing them wherever we go, as Margaret does, to spread Jesus to the world. Each one stands about 1" high. We glued them to a laminated square with a QR code on the bottom. People who discover a little Jesus during their day (in a phone booth, on a ledge, on a bench, etc.) can scan the QR code which links to our Facebook page, and tell us where they found Jesus, either literally, or figuratively, or both. We realize you all are not in Puerto Vallarta to tell us where you found a Jesus figure, but we would love it if you would scan and tell us where you found the REAL Jesus!



EVERYBODY NEEDS A LITTLE JESUS
TODOS NECESITAN UN PEQUEÑO JESÚS



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I just want to close this update with gratitude for God who makes all things possible. And, with gratitude for all of you. Your faithful giving makes it possible for us to love the children of Boca de Tomatlan and El Tuito, and helps us to train others to be the hands and feet that will progress God's kingdom here in Mexico. Thank you for being a vital part of what we do. We love you all!

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:

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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.