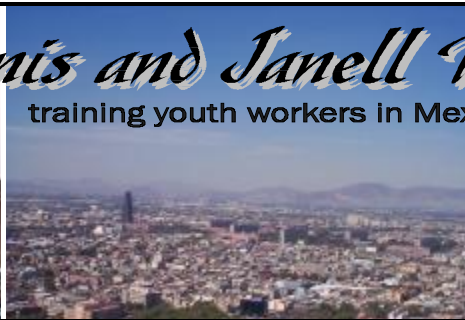




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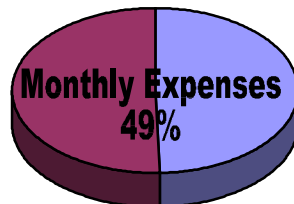
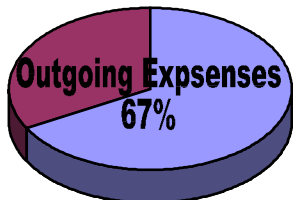
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WE'RE BACK!

Benito Juarez is the George Washington of Mexico. He was a president that played an important part in the history of the country, and he is also the president that is known to have given Mexicans religious freedom. His birthday is celebrated all throughout the country on February 21, the date of our last full day in Mexico.

We were there with a group from Riverside Church, proclaiming freedom to those who place their hope in Jesus Christ. One of the songs we sang is called Libertad, the Spanish word for Freedom. We had the opportunity to see God bring liberty to many young people while we were there.

Partnering with local churches, we shared the gospel in schools, parks, churches, and even in the middle of an anti-war rally. There are many stories we could share with you about individuals who

placed their faith in Jesus Christ because of the witness of these young people. One of the best things we get to witness on short term trips is young people sharing

their faith with other young people. This sets an example for young people in the national churches, giving them the boldness and desire to share their faith as well. Not only are the students inspired, but the pastors of the local churches are excited about the possibility of youth ministry in their own local church. It is then that they invite us at Youth Ministry International to train them in youth ministry.

In the state of Morelos, we now have 4 churches inviting us to come and help them with their youth ministries. Please pray that God will send laborers into His harvest in Mexico to work alongside us to help these local churches reach out to the thousands of young people in their communities.



Students from Riverside sharing the gospel with students at a local school.

YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING IN MEXICO CITY

What is the definition of youth ministry? What does youth ministry in Mexico look like? What are the biggest problems you face in youth ministry? How would you face this situation? These are a few of the questions that I attempted to help ministry students answer at the first youth ministry training workshop sponsored by the Baptist Seminary in Mexico City earlier this year.

I had a great time interacting with students



and learning as much as I was teaching. We talked about seeing the big picture of youth ministry in their churches. Have you ever tried to put a puzzle together without the box? I taught that a youth ministry without

a plan is like a puzzle without a box. The students and I had a great time as we discussed youth ministry in Mexico. It was a great start to the development of the Center for Youth Ministry at the seminary.



“Help me!”

- Pastor Hernan Cortes when told about our desire to train youth workers for local churches.

MEET SOME OF OUR “AMIGOS”

Tetelcingo looks like a Mexican town right out of the movies. The old men are dressed in their white cowboy hats, and the women are wearing their old dresses. The ancient Catholic Basilica towers overhead, and there are plenty of people sitting around and talking to each other. Most of these people are under the age of 15. As



Dennis and Janell with Pastor Hernan Cortes and his wife Sarah.

a stray dog walks by, you notice a small building in the distance. It is the First Baptist Church “God is Love.” This is where our friend Pastor Hernan Cortes works—part-time, of course. He’s also a teacher at a local school.

Pastor Cortes and his wife Sarah worked with us on our last trip there, and we had a great opportunity to share with them about our ministry and what we will be doing in Mexico. When I explained to him that we are moving to Mexico to help train youth workers for ministry in local churches, he smiled at me, took my arm, and said, “Help me!” It is this kind of confirmation that reminds of why we do what we do. It is these friendships and partnerships that give us the desire to move and share what God has given to us with the people of that great country. God continues to work in our lives, confirming every step of the way that we are doing what He wants us to do.

PLEASE PRAY

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for us and this ministry. Some specific items to be praying for this month are:

- U** That God will continue to provide the funds for the ministry.
- U** For continued follow up of the young people who came to know Christ in Cuautla and Yautepec while we were there in March.
- U** For more team members to help in the

development of youth ministry in Mexico. Doors have been opened for us to develop more work in different geographical areas of Mexico.

- U** Plans for the development of the Center for Youth Ministry in the Seminary in Mexico City.
- U** The young people in Mexico. That they would turn their hearts to a relationship with Jesus.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

God has been so good in establishing the ministry in Mexico before we even get there. We have many opportunities in the future, including the following:

Quest Teams: We have been invited to bring more teams in to share the gospel and open new parts of the country. We look forward to partnering with local churches in the US to bring the gospel to new parts of Mexico.

Center for Youth Ministry: The CYM at the seminary is a great strategy to train youth

workers in an academic and hands on setting.

Language School: We will be attending language school in Cuernavaca, Mexico when we first arrive. Living with a Mexican family, speaking only Spanish in the home, and attending 6 hours of class each day is sure to give us Spanish mouths and ears.

We are excited about everything that God has been doing to prepare our hearts and lives for the ministry in Mexico.