

# DESTINO CRISTIANO



A SPIRIT-FILLED, BILINGUAL CHURCH IN LA PAZ, MEXICO

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

### A Warm Winter and a Warm Welcome

Well, winter is coming to end, and for many people that means putting away the umbrellas, hats and gloves. But in La Paz, Mexico, winters are the dry season and average temperatures are around 75 degrees.

So who would complain about that? Certainly not us! And even better, we finally moved back to the El Centro section

of the city, which means we are walking distance from the church, the shops and even to the shoreline.

It's also been a great season for our church plant as we are growing one person and one family at a time. And, we are making plans for our very first mission group from Joy Christian Fellowship.

It's been fun working with the Joy team and with our church members to make sure that we provide a warm welcome to La Paz and show them around. We also want to feed them well

and create a very productive and life-changing mission field experience. Our goal at Destino is to host several mission groups a year to help us at our church and provide service to our community. We're excited by the prospect of meeting new people from different places in the world, and to establish long-term friendships along the way.

Thanks always to those of you who continue to support Destino Cristiano through prayers and donations. We are grateful for the connections and love, knowing that we are never alone here on the Mission field in the California Baja Sur.

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### Welcome to Our Newest Destino Member!

Valentine's Day 2016 got sweeter for Gerardo and Sofia (and the entire Destino congregation) when baby José Isaac joined the family and the world on the day of love — February 14th. José became a brother to 11-year-old Ángel and 2-year-old Josue. Welcome to the world José! (This family was chosen for Destino's first Adopt-A-Family project and now have their own casita to live in. Please pray for continued blessings and God's provision!)



## A New Assignment



It's always hard to say goodbye to those who have become like family at Destino Cristiano. And while it was difficult when Mónica Cazares left in February, we are excited to see what her new assignment in Tijuana will bring. Mónica started attending Destino in January 2014, only 3 months after our doors were opened. In 2015, she became our main Children's Church teacher. She moved to Tijuana to get married, be closer to her family, and continue her career. Join us as we pray that she finds a great church!

## Construction Missionary Heads Home

After three months on the La Paz mission field, the Destino team had to say goodbye to Don Tersieff from Medford, Oregon. Don not only became part of the church family, but donated his time and talent on multiple projects, inside and outside of the church. For example, Don built a sound booth, shelves and benches. He fixed things and gave the outside walls of our building a fresh coat of paint. Don even climbed above the roof to paint an old worn out sign that still had the word Peluqueria (barbershop) in faint letters. Thank you Don! You were a blessing and we look forward to seeing you next year!



## Team meeting for Mission group in April

Everyone on the Destino team is gearing up to provide an amazing and life-changing experience for the church's first mission group, arriving from Joy Christian Fellowship in late April. The mission group will be spending a day with the children of Nueva Creacion and returning for a work day at this Christian orphanage on the outskirts of La Paz.

The group will also be working at Destino, and conducting Sunday services, as well as hosting a praise and worship evening, evangelizing and enjoying activities near or in the Sea of Cortez. This mission marks the start of an ongoing missions program in La Paz.



## Solid Rock Ministry News

### News from the Solid Rock Ministry

A Spanish Solid Rock Road group started on March 12th at Destino Cristiano. This group is made of 9 participants, including 8 women and one man. The Solid Rock Road offers experiential training using 10 Biblical principles. While the ministry initially focused on addictions to drugs and alcohol, it currently helps Christians overcome other issues such as depression, anxiety, anger, childhood hurts and more. You can find out more by visiting the website: [www.thesolidrockroad.com](http://www.thesolidrockroad.com).



### The Solid Rock Goes to Santa Teresa, Nayarit

This March, an indigenous Cora Indian minister is taking the Spanish version of the Solid Rock Road recovery ministry to the mountains of Santa Teresa in Nayarit, Mexico. The connection came when Faye Taylor Byers – a 50-year missionary in Mexico – had lunch with Pastor Jamee and learned about the recovery ministry. Apparently, many of the Coro tribe have issues with alcoholism, so the timing was right.



### Christine Humphreys Visits Destino Cristiano

It was an honor to have Christine Humphreys from Joy Christian Fellowship with us for a week here in La Paz. Christine spent her week's vacation from nursing to be on the mission field, getting to know the city, the people and the church. On Sunday, Christine addressed the congregation with a word from Matthew 13.



**Spanish Bible Study**  
Saturdays at 10am

**English Bible Study**  
Wednesdays at 10am.



### PRAYER REQUESTS & SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued prayers for the following:

- Worshippers for the Destino Worship Team
- Bilingual Members
- Children's Church Teachers

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