

DESTINO CRISTIANO



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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

Unleashing our Faith

God is amazing! Of course, everyone knows that. But as we continue to build His church in La Paz, we realize just how much we can underestimate God because He has continually exceeded our expectations, or should I say, our expectations that are limited by our humanity. So, we are pulling out all the stops! We are expecting the unexpected! We are unleashing our faith!

Yes, it has taken faith to plant the church. Yes, it has taken faith to provide for the church. And we have had faith that God would lead us and guide us and bring us our team. But what about faith that moves mountains or the kind of faith that allowed Peter to walk on water. That's the kind of faith we're unleashing because that's the kind of faith that will turn the city of La Paz toward God – toward the living and powerful, miraculous God.

Our foundation is strong at Destino Cristiano. We have spent the past 2.5 years making sure of that! No, we didn't take the city by storm when we opened our doors in Dec. 2013, but we went to work building from the ground up. We didn't hurry through the process, although we are still in awe of how God brought the people before we thought we were ready. We're learning that God meets us at every turn and every corner, that He is with us and beside us, and behind us, holding us up as we serve Him with all of our hearts. So here we go! The adventure continues...



Music Ministry Expands at Destino

The Destino Worship Team is growing, with Pastor Jamee, Ismael, Shani and Teresa praising and worshipping in English and Spanish.



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Mission Accomplished

From the beginning of planting a church in La Paz, one of our goals was to develop and implement a cost-effective, life-changing missions trip program in Mexico. To do this, we needed to have an active local church with members willing to help, and a good plan that would ensure a great adventure for group members, both young and well-seasoned.



On April 23rd, 2016, our first mission group from Joy Christian Fellowship arrived in La Paz, with the Destino Cristiano missions team ready to serve the 19 participants. We provided accommodations, meals, ministry experiences, and of course, some entertainment, including beach time. You can't come to La Paz without immersing yourself in the beautiful waters of the Sea of Cortez.

We learned some great lessons during this event. We learned that our church in La Paz is warm and welcoming, that we are prepared for the mission group experience. We learned what to do and what not to do: where to go and which places to avoid if you have a large group. Most importantly, we created a family among churches.

If you're interested in having the Destino Cristiano mission group experience in La Paz, Mexico, send an email to ChurchInLaPaz@gmail.com.



Enjoying Beach Baptisms



In mid-May, six members of Destino Cristiano were baptized in the Sea of Cortez. In total about 16 people gathered at Coromuel Beach in La Paz to honor Fernanda, another Fernanda, Ana, Amelia, Antonio and Paulette. The water was a bit cool and rough, but no one seemed to care as each obeyed the command to get water baptized as a symbol of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Afterward, the braver ones swam, the group praised and worshipped (to the best of everyone’s ability), and lunch was served.



The Bottle Whisperer Rides Again



In late 2015, Mike (aka The Bottle Whisperer) and Rhawnie Gallagher from Southern Oregon began saving cans and bottles, then turning them in for money to donate to Destino Cristiano. Since then, the Gallagher “Bottle Ministry” has taken on a life of its own as more and more people and businesses are donating for the cause. Now, several times a week, Mike picks up donations from homes and businesses. In fact, a young boy donated the cans he had saved, which were supposed to help him buy a new video game. Wow!

In addition to people donating, Mike and others are on the lookout for discarded cans and bottles they find along trails and roadways. So, the bottle ministry is one that sows into the Kingdom, while caring for the environment. As a result of funding through the Bottle Ministry, Destino Cristiano is able to increase purchases for the church’s community pantry. Currently, Destino Cristiano is providing food to Nueva Creacion orphanage, the men’s recovery center in Todo Santos, certain members of the church, and to the public as they arrive hungry at the Destino doors.

Reflections of "Finding Me" Women's Conference

The 2016 Destino Bilingual Women's Conference had 36 participants putting together word puzzles and gazing into their own eyes through mirrors. With the theme of "Finding Me," the May 28th conference was based on a Scripture from Song of Solomon 2:10-12, which speaks of new seasons of life and the voice of the Holy Spirit, referred to in the Scripture as the Turtledove.

"This wasn't about putting on combat boots and waging war in the Spirit, but more about the hovering of the Holy Spirit for a powerful healing," explains Pastor Jamee. "The goal was to re-discover our true identity in Christ by remembering who we were before circumstances, relationships and experiences changed us." Along with several sessions and workshops, the conference included a comedic skit, worship, a photo booth and a chicken taco lunch.



Maritza Visits from Toluca

This May, the Destino pastors and the Destino team welcomed Maritza Vazquez from Toluca, who arrived for the women's conference and to provide praise and worship for the event. What a blessing to have her with us, and we



Youth/Young Adult Services Start

Wednesday Night Youth Services will begin this summer, with the first event scheduled for Wednesday August 3rd, from 7-9pm. Let the fun unfold!!!



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Spanish Bible Study
To be announced

English Bible Study
Wednesdays at 10am.

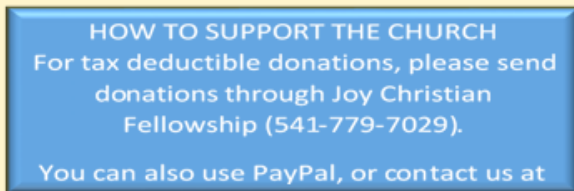


PRAYER REQUESTS & SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued prayers for The First Youth Service on August 3rd!

Answered Prayers:

Worship Team members and Children's Church Workers have arrived!



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