

DESTINO CRISTIANO

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

Celebrating Long-Awaited “Firsts”

The fun part of planting a church is all the “firsts” that happen. Well, everything is a ‘first’ in the very beginning. Finding the space. Creating a design. Setting up the stage. Purchasing chairs and equipment. And of course, having your first service. Then, it’s your first meal together, your first Christmas, your first Easter, your first baptism, and so on. But over the years, there are fewer ‘firsts,’ and yet, we’re finding that these delayed ‘firsts’ are just as exciting, and maybe even more fun! After 2.5 years, Destino Cristiano finally has an extended worship team and we finally have a youth group! And yes, we’re celebrating because we waited a long time for our prayers to be answered and our faith to be realized. We are honored and blessed as we grow our church in La Paz, Mexico, and thankful for our team that works with us to maintain, refine and expand our ministry.

City Lights Makes its Debut

This August, the Destino youth and young adult group – City Lights (Luces de la Ciudad) – held its first service on a Wednesday night. A total of 17 youth (and 11 supportive adults) gathered for the message of God’s light, for a ‘get-to-know-you’ pre-service session and for mole sandwiches. Plus, the City Lights Worship team made its debut, then played again for Sunday’s main service at Destino. City Lights will hold services once a month and will have a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings the other 3 weeks. For more information, find their page on Facebook!



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JOHNNY SCHMELZER MINISTERS AT DESTINO

A weekend of training, teaching, evangelism and team building for the youth at Destino Cristiano featured Johnny Schmelzer of Joy Christian Fellowship. The weekend started on Friday evening (September 16th) with a "Welcome to La Paz Johnny" potluck dinner at Destino Cristiano where a combination of Mexican, American and Canadian dishes were served and enjoyed by all. After dinner, Johnny taught on the heart of evangelism and created a team of youth who evangelized on the Malecon Saturday evening.

Saturday afternoon, the youth enjoyed a team-building event at a beach house on the Mogote, and where Johnny gave a talk on "Worship and the Presence of God." (By the way, Johnny went into the Sea of Cortes and swam out to join an expedition who were swimming with a whale shark! He can check that one off of his bucket list!) Sunday morning, Johnny led worship at Destino, and then preached on "Jesus: The Hope of La Paz." You can hear Johnny's sermon on our website @ <http://destinocristiano.com/index.php/sermon/the-refiners-fire/>

"God is really moving in La Paz," says Johnny, "And Destino has a lot of momentum with a strong team of young people to lead the charge!"

Hurry back Johnny! Gracias por todo!



BAPTISMS FOR MEMBERS OF LUCES DE LA CIUDAD (DESTINO YOUTH GROUP)

This September, it was an honor to watch members of Luces de la Ciudad (The youth group at Destino Cristiano) take the necessary steps of obedience of getting water baptized. Congratulations to Daniela, Angel, Ismael and Hefzi, who went down into the water and to rise again as a symbol of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The baptisms were part of a youth event held in a private home on the "Mogote." Special Destino guest Johnny Schmelzer of Joy Christian Fellowship did the baptisms.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



“The Good Shepherd” became the weeklong theme for this summer’s Vacation Bible School at Destino Cristiano. The students enjoyed stories, crafts, songs and food as they learned about how God loves and takes care of His sheep (His people). The main teacher, Christian **(Fraivet)** Blengio Corrales, took the kids on a journey of the heart, and worked with the students on memorizing Psalms 23. Cindy Crane led the team on crafts, providing creativity that matched the day’s lesson. Pastor Jamee Pineda led the children in song, and then featured the VBS kids in front of the congregation. They were amazing and the



congregation loved it. Thanks to Martha Berton Toxqui for providing the graduation lunch with several types of Tamales!



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- "City Lights" Youth and Young Adult Monthly Service—Saturday **October 8th** @ 5pm
- Destino will be launching it's satellite Bible College in cooperation with Zoe Bible College & Bill Schneider School of Ministry - Tuesday, **October 18th** @ 6pm
- Basic English classes taught by Cindy Crane will begin on Saturday, **October 22nd** @ 10am

NOVEMBER

- "City Lights", Youth and Young Adult Monthly Service—Saturday, **November 5th** @ 5pm
- Pastor Jerry will be holding a Men's Breakfast on—**date to be announced**
- Thanksgiving meal after service on Sunday, **November 26th**

DECEMBER

- "City Lights", Youth and Young Adult Monthly Service—Saturday, **December 3rd** @ 5pm
- Christmas Eve morning @ Nueva Creacion on Saturday, **December 24th**
- Destino Christmas Candle light Service, Sunday, **December 25th** @ 10am
- Julia, our new Missionary Intern arrives on Tuesday, **December 27th**

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Meets @ Destino @ **6:00** pm every Wednesday except for the first Wed of the month when City Lights has their monthly Service



ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY

Meets @ Destino @ 10am every Wednesday



SPANISH BIBLE STUDY

To be announced

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www.destinocristiano.com

Weekly sermons can be heard on our website @ <http://destinocristiano.com/index.php/sermon/the-refiners-fire/>

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PRAYER REQUESTS & SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued prayers



Answered Prayers:

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

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