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CAMP TRANSFORMS LIVES

"The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom"
Deuteronomy 28:13

This verse was shared by one of our teens after her experience at a Christian camp over Spring Break. In addition to fellowship with other groups, team building, sports, and worship, there was intentional time set aside for developing a relationship with Jesus.

Knowing this young lady's history only six short months

ago and seeing the miracle of transformation, due to a relationship with Jesus, this is a gift many of our children receive when given the opportunity to attend camps.

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A JOURNEY TO OUR BIBLE INSTITUTE



If someone asked, “What is most important in your life?” or “What is the most valuable thing that you possess?” how would you respond?

A.W. Tozer once said, “what you think about God is the most important thing about you.” In other words, what you believe (ideas, comprehension, discernment) about God says a lot about you. The knowledge of God is the most important thing that we are able to possess. This defines everything in our lives, since it determines how we act, feel, and think about ourselves and the world we live in. At the same time it determines how we worship, how we live, how we serve, how we react to trials, and even how we die. A vast knowledge of God guides our lives so that we live for the glory of God. That is why here in the Bible Institute we are seeking to glorify God by making disciples who are able to serve God competently.

We understand that in order to glorify God, it is necessary to know Him, which is why our purpose for the time the students spend with us is to give them access to an education in Biblical theology at a quality that allows them to obtain the formation necessary to be established as competent leaders in the service of God.

I want to tell you about the life of one of our students. His name is Juventino F. and he is from the

Chinanteco
region of
Oaxaca.

I am writing about him because, in his desire to know God better, he took a 4 day bus ride, without a bathroom, without air conditioning, without a seat, but just a blanket to lay down in the aisle so that he could rest a little. He traveled for more than 3,000 kilometers in these conditions. What made Juventino, decide to come to the Bible Institute despite the difficult conditions of the trip? It was the fact that when he knew Jesus as his Savior, his desire became to know his Savior better and better. In other words, the knowledge of God in his life determined how he confronted the challenge of being here with us today.

May God be glorified not only in the life of Juventino, but also in the lives of the other students and also the staff.

Carlos Quijada
Bible Institute Director

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CHILDREN: THE FUTURE OF SINALOA



The outreach team from the Baja Mission was in Culiacán for two weeks. Thankfully the heat hadn't started, but we were food for the flies and the gnats for two weeks! Even then, it was worth it for every minute we were able to spend with the children. We worked in four camps. The first week in the mornings we went to Camp Acapulco. We had around 60 children. In the evenings we worked in a camp called Serrucho, where we worked with children, women and at the end we shared a little of the Word with everyone in the camp.

With the children we had the theme of "Uncomfortable Secrets" which was strong. It is for children who have suffered sexual abuse or assault from another person, whether it is an adult or another child. We did a skit the first day and the other days we had classes about the theme.

We decided to cover this because we know that most of these children have been exposed to sexual abuse or assault. If when children who grow up in a "stable" home with their parents paying attention to them, frequently live through situations like this, can you imagine the children who live in the camps?

Most of them grow up alone, sharing a small room with many people including uncles, cousins, and grandparents. They have a greater probability of suffering from some kind of abuse, so the message that we took them was: TALK! DON'T STAY QUIET! NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO TOUCH YOU!

The first day during the skit we noticed the teachers of the children were crying as they watched. We realized that this theme wasn't only for the kids, because many people who are now adults have also suffered abuse. It was a very lovely time we were able to have together.

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The last day we closed with the theme YOU ARE VALUABLE, reminding the children that it doesn't matter where you live, if something bad has happened to you, or if someone has harmed you, NO ONE TAKES AWAY THE VALUE THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU AND HE LOVES YOU, ACCEPTS YOU AND WANTS TO BE WITH YOU! We then gave them ice cream and cookies and they were delighted.

In the second week we worked in the camp Santa Elena and in San Pedro, where the base is located. A few years ago I had the opportunity to work in Culiacán and that is when I met the children in San Pedro who go every Saturday for breakfast and a Bible class. It had been a few years since I saw these children and I can't tell you how happy it made me to see them continuing in their classes.

Some of them I met when they were still in diapers and now we were able to celebrate the 5th birthday of Diego (one of the children I met when he was a baby in diapers and just beginning to walk!) My heart was full when I saw them faithful in their Bible classes, to see they have grown, they are healthy, and God has taken care of them. It was very special to me. I could see my answered prayers when I saw them. God showed me once again that He is faithful, that He hears my prayers, and that He answers.



We had a day of washing girls' hair, taking out lice and braiding their hair. It was a very lovely day, but also a sad moment. When we saw their heads infested with these insects we realized the parents aren't taking care of them. But the girls were really happy. They were delighted with their braids and didn't take them out all week.

In general, it was a beautiful trip full of beautiful surprises. Seeing the smiles of the children makes everything worth it. I couldn't stop thinking about how God loved each child in Culiacán so much that He sent a small group of people to arrive to their home to share Jesus. They are little hearts waiting to be loved and we are the tools that God is using so they hear the word of God.

Dulce Cordoba
Baja Mission Outreach Team

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1929-2019



Old and new friends gathered for the historical occasion and shared memories. Central has given faithfully to support FFHM (or His Ministry) since 1966.

The names of many who were there in the earliest days, and faithfully stood with us through the years were represented: McWhirter, Sass, Anderson, and others. Dear friend, Jean Wedell, who accompanied us on our second trip to the orphanage (now mission) sent her regrets.

The bilingual church service lasted three hours but the highlight for me was when Dave Anderson (pictured above) sat at the piano and played and sang "Through It All."

My mind reached back through the decades to the day Pastor Gjelten, Mary Peterson, and I were praying for a youth director. It seemed like just yesterday. A call came from Minneapolis, MN.

The upbeat and energetic voice on the other end called out, "Dave Anderson here, could you use a youth director?" He packed his bags and was on his way. The power of the Holy Spirit drew nearly 100 young people to Central Lutheran Church. Dave organized our first work group to the orphanage. Following that

still small voice, Dave was led to found "Lutheran Youth Encounter" and thousands came to Christ.

Years later, a small plane Dave was on crashed into the Bering Sea. Without divine intervention, all would have been lost.

Dave now has a marvelous retreat center, Shepherd's Canyon Retreat in Arizona for wounded pastors and missionaries. Our paths have differed, but the message is the same. To make Christ known, and through it all we have learned to trust in Jesus.

So we press onward and upward, but some things never change: "The fields are white, and the harvest is great.." Teams and workgroups are greatly needed.

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Founding Director



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