

AVODAH appenings

AVODAH Quarterly Newsletter



Serg and Matt on Worldwide Bible Reading Marathon Day

STEPPING OUT

Q3 started out with a bang, and I don't mean fireworks! July 14th was the 6th annual Worldwide Bible Reading Marathon Day, which aims to promote Bible literacy. We and volunteers from Paradise Church (as well as others all over the world) joined at 7:14AM to declare the word of God over the nation,

in connection with 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land". We were assigned to read Matthew 21 - 28. As we read about "...travel(ing) over land and sea to win a single convert" (Matt 23:15), I wondered if God would use us to win one single convert, and, indeed, we had exactly one person that we talked to that day show up at church. Praise God!

Paradise Church is now an official "School of Kingdom Ministry" (a ministry of the Vineyard Church) training site, the first one in Mexico. The School of Kingdom Ministry is a school designed to train and equip believers through teaching, activation, and practice to do the supernatural work that Jesus calls each of us to do; to extend the Kingdom of God, heal the sick raise the dead, cast out demons, and set people free (Matthew 10). Curtis and I will be leading the program, along with a team of faithful

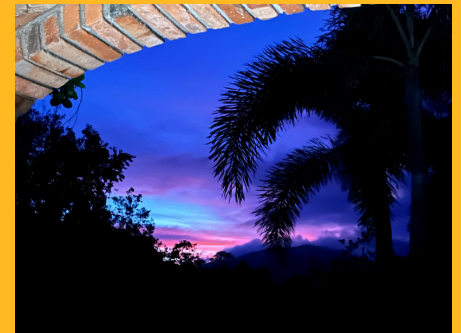


Quarter 3 2024 Highlights

Stepping Out

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Ministry Work



Sunset the night of our Bible study



Curtis Dunlap



Catherine Dunlap

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volunteers. We expect to launch our first workshop in Q4 2024 or Q1 2025.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

It seems that a lot of what we do is making connections, and, indeed, the meetings we conduct are setting the foundation for relationships for the future.

We hosted a lunch with Mexican pastors at our house to determine how their churches could use our property. They saw potential for men's and women's retreats, marriage retreats, pastor planning sessions, and teen camps. Using our home could enable more attendees, as cost is a limiting factor for many families.



Mexican Pastor Luncheon

Later in July, we visited the RISE (Refugio Infantil Santa Esperanza A.C.) orphanage in Puerto Vallarta. The orphanage is home to about 28 kids, ages newborn to 13 years old. We identified this organization for potential partnership. We discovered that mission teams that we host could volunteer at RISE doing maintenance and repair, cleaning, kitchen prep, helping children with homework, etc. The organization is always in need of volunteers. We met some of the children there and the kids thought it was funny that my name was the same as one of the girls there and they skipped about the grounds calling, "Catherine! Catherine!".



RISE Orphanage



With Tammy Chapman, Director of Kingdom Ministry at The Chapel, Grayslake, IL



With Latoya Conners Gray, Prayer Ministry Leader at The Chapel, Mundelein, IL

From August 15 - September 15, we traveled to the US on an annual fund-raising trip. We started our trip in Omaha, NE and ended in Rome, NY. We drove over 4600 miles through 10 states, accommodated by 9 gracious hosts, and slept in 13 different beds. God protected us and provided for us during the entire trip. We are so thankful for the opportunity to have connected with so many old friends and are grateful for and amazed at the generosity of everyone! Thank you all for hosting us, praying with us, and supporting our ministry financially. We are so blessed to call you friends!



When we returned to our home in Mexico, we found it quite overgrown due to the rainy season. We have been working on getting it back under control. We hosted our first Bible study in the community with eight people that God led to us, including the local doctor and his wife. We are so excited to be building relationships in our community.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

We jumped right back into teaching English to 1st-6th graders in Boca de Tomatlan when we returned in September. It was so good seeing the kids again and meeting some new ones. We are thrilled to have Rafael, a local hotel owner, helping out this year. He is such a blessing to us; it is so much easier communicating with the students now that we have Rafael to help translate instructions. We are set for a great year!



Catherine teaches a lesson with the help of "Irma"



The Boca de Tomatlan English Teaching Team (Catherine, Cynde, Rafael, Curtis) ready to lead the students into 2025!

As always, your prayers are greatly appreciated. We are currently fundraising to be able to establish an afterschool program where we would teach English and computer skills. If you would like to support AVODAH's current needs, please visit our website at:

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Curtis & Catherine