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Notes From Dan and DeAnn!



The Puebla group at fall retreat. Pray for continued growth and for more involvement.

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Mat 9:36

"It brought me closer to God."

Comments like the one above from Luis, a first-year student in Puebla, are the reason why we have fall retreats every year. The goal is not that a student would go to fall retreat and immediately change, but the goal is to provide a break from the normal pace of life for students to take a step back, focus on their relationship with God, and begin growing faster than they would have had they not gone to the retreat. This year was a great year for that.

At the Puebla retreat students were challenged to not waste their lives but to invest them. (Much of this was based on John Piper's

book "Don't Waste Your Life.") Fernando, a student from Xalapa that was on summer project with us this past summer, shared a story with me that impacted me. Fernando introduced his girlfriend to us. I later asked him (just to be sure) if she was a believer. He told me that she was now! They had been dating when he accepted Christ into his life and because of that decision they had decided to break up. During the time there were broken up his girlfriend came to know Christ as her Savior too. So now they are back together...but the amazing part of the story is how they have invested their lives in the lives of their families. Both Fernando and his girlfriend's families have come to accept Christ as a result of Fernando and his girlfriend sharing boldly. It just struck me how seeing one life changed can have ripple effects that you could never predict!

At the Morelia retreat I (Dan) was the speaker. It was the first time I had the opportunity to be the main speaker at a retreat and I was very nervous about it...not only did I have four talks to prepare and give but I had to do that in Spanish!!! But God was very good as He really guided me to share what was needed at the time. I talked on four passions:

A Passion for God, A Passion for the Lost, A Passion for Prayer, and A Passion to be a Disciple of Christ. Pray specifically for Maggie and Paco. Maggie was the only person to come from Guadalajara and Paco was the only person to come from Tijuana. Pray that they would be able to start movements of spiritual multiplication in their cities!



Dan speaking at the Morelia fall retreat.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that the students at these two fall retreats would put into practice what they learned. Pray that they would fall more in love with God as a result.
- Pray for Luis who was at the Puebla fall retreat. He has not made a decision for Christ yet but is getting closer and closer. Pray that He would come to know Jesus as his Savior. (Also pray for him as he just had two wisdom teeth pulled! Ouch!)
- Pray for the continued growth of Jose Luis and Alfredo as they go through discipleship.
- DeAnn is feeling a bit better but please keep her health in your prayers.