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MEXICO
MISSIONS
WEEKEND



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To wrap up the summer, we made a weekend trip to our partner church in Tijuana, Mexico! Our team served at Iglesia Misionera Bet-El to volunteer with their VBS program, cook meals, serve on worship, and teach classes.

Keep reading to hear how God is moving in our ministry!





"GOD STOP" Moments

LET me share with you the fun thing about Mexico Missions Trips with GBC! You start with great food and family warmth, and you can't help but be graced by God's presence!

There is really no reason to say "NO" to Mexico Missions with GBC! From start to finish, you encounter "God Stops"-- God Stop moments are when you cross the border and you encounter the nicest guard in charge. Another moment is being greeted with warm pizza, hot running water, and a firm bed to sleep in.

The next day, we woke up to an amazing international breakfast and had good family fellowship together-- we then made our way to start the day. As we walked up to the outreach center, you see God's light bless the building-- I found peace knowing God had already met and prepared the center.



by Rebecca Wei



We then did the walk around the city, calling out kids to join us for fellowship. We tried our best in the heat and dirt roads, feeling our efforts were lackluster... but God again pulled out His miracle. We had easily over 100+ kids come out wearing their best outfits and shoes ready to praise and have a good time.

As the event neared the end, we squeezed all 12 women and small children back in the van to take a breather and practice for our worship set. Kitchen prep was managed by Edi, Julie, and Frank, who all worked with focus and with joyful hearts. Our food was always so good, thanks to our Food Team. During worship practice, new microphones were provided and extension cords appeared, as we encountered typical technical difficulties of having an impromptu worship team. I was expecting delays of an hour to sort out the technical issues,

service



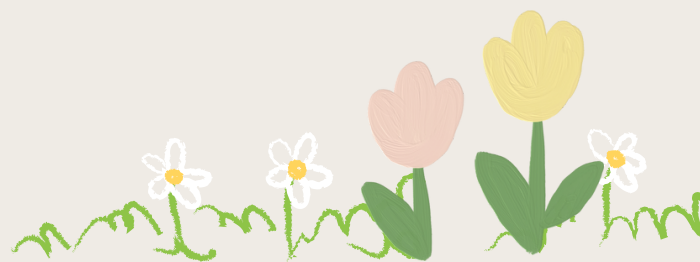
like in the last mission trip; but this time, God stopped all problems and they were solved by one extension cord. We showed up missing a keyboardist and drummer; but in the end, the drummer in town was available and came to serve alongside us.

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All of the above said moments we already felt were moments God prepared beforehand. He already called each heart individually to come and be fed and build one another up. That is exactly what happened that night. The line was out the door as they invited neighboring church leaders to come together and refresh! There was great unity in worship and fellowship. We went back to find rest at our hotel and looked forward to our next international breakfast.

The last day, we woke up with lots of praise because we had coffee and food all within our reach-- but first and foremost, we had our family fellowship time, where we got to hear from our youth what the Bible verse meant to them. Truly we have all come from one God, and there are no race nor class levels; to God, we are all one. So summed up best by Frank is: Jesus is the driver and we can just happily enjoy and come along for the ride.



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So as relaxed missionaries, we entered our Sunday with a new, re-found comfort in serving-- and we walked into the amazing hall of the newly built theological seminary. Last time, Matthew Fong was able to "Christianize" it with worship songs while the beams and roof were still being built-- and now, we are entering a new place of worship! Worship was amazing! I was moved to tears because literally it was God's people's sweat and tears and sacrifice that I can stand here today to worship and see Jeanne teach an art class.



Mexico Missions 2023





God Stops are moments where I was so taken away by how miraculously God orchestrated each turn. I would love to shout at the rooftop for everyone to come join us on our next GBC Missions Trip. There are many to serve and we love to have all your muscles on board. Truly, God is Good!”



*breaking
bread*



And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God.

Acts 2:46-47 (ESV)

*fellowship
+ community*

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12 (ESV)



GBC'S 24TH ANNIVERSARY!

This year, we celebrated our 24th anniversary! Praise God for all the love He has poured out onto our church. May He continue to bless and guide us through this next year. Thank you to everyone for making it a special day!



MISSIONS HIGHLIGHT

This month, our missionary partner Monica Huang visited and gave updates on her husband Pr. Hsiung Huang, who attended the Lausanne Movement conference in South Korea. Please continue to pray for their family and ministry in São Paulo, Brazil.



LOOKING AHEAD



HALLELUJAH NIGHT

Oct 31st Thurs

7:00pm-9:30pm

Games & prizes

Wear your costume for 5 tickets!

WORSHIP NIGHT

Oct 12th Sat

6:30pm-8:00pm

First Southern Baptist Church

1275 E. Broadway

Anaheim, CA 92805

BEACH OUTING

Oct 19th Sat

More details to come



“The early church gave themselves away completely to God and to others, because they saw Jesus do that: give himself completely away, on the cross-- for them. So they devoted themselves, to the bride of Christ, to the church.”

Pastor David Lee