

June 2022

Dear supporters, friends, family members, greetings from Mexico City! Here is news about our upcoming Reconnect in the US.

Dates

- Leaving Mexico: June 13
- Vacation time away: June 14-26
- Consultation meetings: June 27-29
- Church and home visits: June 30 through January 1
- Return to Mexico: January 7

Help us schedule our time with you

There are so many friends and supporters we want to see and thank and catch up with while we are in the US. But on Reconnects we often struggle with phone tag, or unreturned calls or emails.

Could some of you lighten our load by contacting us? That way we could spend less time scheduling and more time visiting! (you can even contact us before we leave Mexico)

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We will also try to organize a meet and greet party and will get out an invitation by email.

Road trips!

Do you live outside of West Michigan and want to see us when we visit your church? Here are our trips away:

- Orland Park IL: July 16-17
- West Des Moines IA: July 30-31

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- Houston TX: August 6-14
- Oskaloosa/Peoria IA: August 20-28
- Munster IN: September 3-4
- DeMotte IN: September 10-11
- First South Holland OPC: TBD

The entire Bible in three hours

In April I got invited by the COMPA university ministry to teach a Bible survey workshop at a camp in the state of Morelos. It was a three hour workshop, to college students sitting in 90 degree heat, just before and just after lunch. With a powerpoint they could hardly see because of the sunlight. It sounds like a recipe for disaster, but that wasn't the case. The students actively participated the whole time, and commented on how helpful it was. It felt great to get out of the city and teach without using Zoom. Confession: I may have omitted a verse or two to fit everything in...



Ladies' day away

Speaking of getting out of the city, to celebrate Mother's day, Blanca recently took the mothers of our church out on a day trip to Tequisquiapan, a picturesque town with lots of restaurants and shops. She was especially pleased that one of the ladies, who suffers from severe panic attacks, went along and had a great time. Praise the Lord for moments like these.



Healing Hearts Transforming Nations

The training I (Dave) went to in Muskegon MI in May for HHTN was great. The focus is on reconciliation between people and between groups. The program was born out the genocide in Rwanda, and has been successful in Eastern Europe and other places. Our team is looking at bringing it to our Mexico-Caribbean region, and to Central America. On the trip I also got to spend a couple days with my parents, and be a 'tourist' in Grand Haven and Tulip Time.

The kids!

This will be our first Reconnect without either of our kids, or our dog Muffin. They will all stay behind in Mexico.

Daniel (27) works full-time in VFX and post-production of movies and TV shows. Alexandra (22) produces and sells custom notebooks and other beautiful creations. Muffin just lies around the house.

Support news

Praise the Lord that 98% of support goal for this year has come in, with over a month to spare! Thank you so much for your generosity!

Thank you all for your prayers, financial support, and words of encouragement. God bless you all in Christ Jesus!

Dave, Blanca, Daniel and Alexandra Gifford

