

# Nanana Updates



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Enthusiasm isn't enough. (Prov. 19:2-3)

I will do whatever for God! ... is a slogan to countless servants of God. So we've shown much enthusiasm (or effort) in doing ministry. However, we often come to term that enthusiasm (or zeal) is not enough in God's missions. We do need to know what God wants through us after all. We compromised with ourselves saying, "we know God enough." However, we noticed after all our little knowledge of God. Our ministry goal characterized often as program-oriented, so we've created newer ministries or introduced to their churches some excellent activities from the successful churches. We're happy as long as our partner churches seem to grab our ministry ideas. But we've noticed that the souls of believers had been forgotten as the core of ministry. God's ministry focuses on crushed spirits (Prov. 18:14). So He patiently awaits until they repent (2 Pet. 3:9). In other words, He isn't pleased with our programs but in whom we become. Lord, help us know more of Your will and have Your passion for Your people here in Mexico. Help us do it at Your speed!

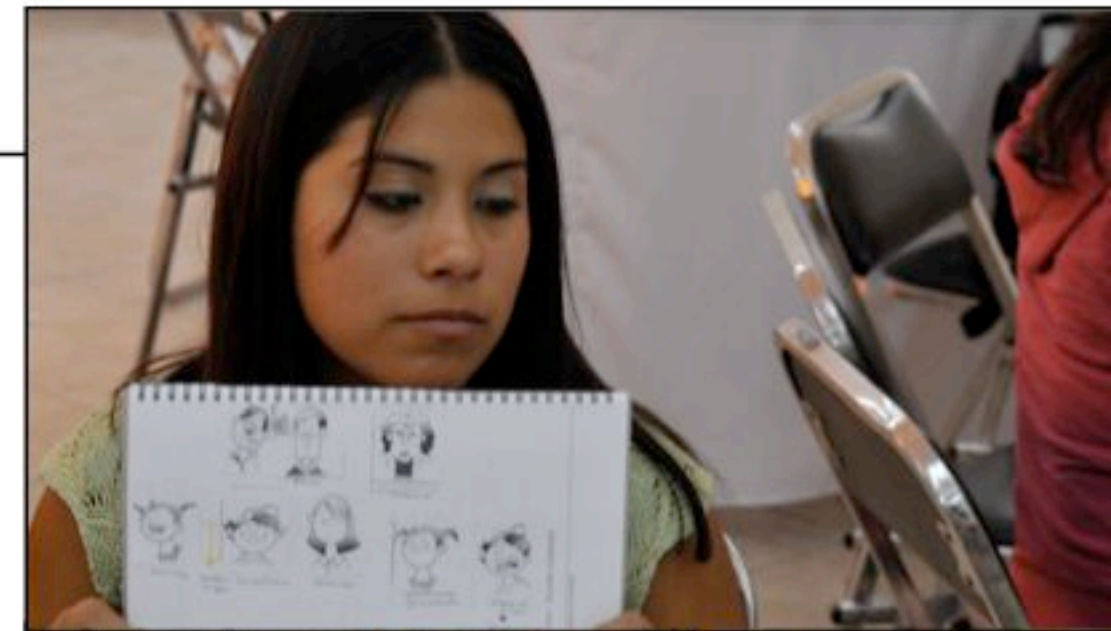
God's heart is always bigger than I thought.

The Image of God Seminar Follow-Up Bible Study is coming to an end. We've been meeting every other Fridays. It was originally intended to finish in 8 weeks, but due to different reasons, we've been studying during the last 5 months. We shared post-seminar life changes. As we go over the seminar notes to refresh our memories, we reflected on our current life. We've noticed a lot of healing in place. We rejoiced! However, we don't stay healed but decided to go further for the healing of others with life scars. I (Elaine) am so proud of these sisters, and celebrate their spiritual growth. If I were this much happy, how'd God feel about them? He's probably rapping with angels. :)

"We are a healing community. We need each other to encourage one another." I constantly remind them in each session. Therefore, we don't forget to pray for each other. Many prayers have been answered. A sister requested us to pray for her son. And she came back with news that her son is opening his heart for the gospel. Her sixteen-year-old son expressed that he needs to be baptized and start going to church. He asked his mom if he has to go to her church. She told him that he could go to another church. She rejoiced. We continue to pray for her son.

Another sister co-signed a loan and was receiving threatening phone calls. We prayed. After some time, she went to a bank to deposit the money to the person and found out that the amount has reduced to half. Also, a sister asked to pray for her because a man was bothering her. He was a drug dealer. We prayed and interceded for her. We pray that the man would leave her alone. We found out that the man found dead. Lord, we just prayed that he would not bother her. We were just surprised with the outcome. However, the sister was downcast and I asked. "What's wrong?" She answered, "Where will he be right now? If he didn't believe God, he will be in hell." Her eyes filled with tears.

We are planning to take the sisters to Salamanca to assist the Inner Healing Seminar in the area. They want to share what they have received to those who are in need. They want to bless others with the blessing that they received.



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A dark part of the city has been chosen for our next church plant. La Lagunilla! This west corner of the city has been home for many people in needs, especially spiritual needs. According to locals, it has been a tough place to make living due to drug-traffickers, gangster, alcohol addiction, theft and killings. So we were repeatedly reminded to be extra careful as we head out to hand out tracts and invitations (1, 2, 4) for a night service at the park. However, as we walked around, we didn't feel any threat or danger, we just bumped some drunkards laid on streets. PTL for the protection! But surely there is a great need of the saving message.

Although it ended so late night at 11 pm and came back home at 1 am, the meeting was fruitful with 10 new converts (6) for Christ. We all gave thanks to God for the working unity among us and for God's mighty-loving wings to cover all of us. Now Bethesda Church and pastor Francisco Melendez (5) will continue to minister them. A new church has born here. PTL!



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It took us almost 3 months to help teachers understand the core value of doing an activity like this. They have never done it and have never thought of such an activity for church spirituality. In April, we had a Bible Contest for preschoolers to teenagers. Elaine had worked so hard to teach them Church Education (CE) principles—theories and practical tips—which lack in great manner in our partner churches. At every session, she suggested our teachers to have daily devotions with TcD (*Time with God*), a programmed monthly booklet for the complete Bible reading in 3-5 years. It is yet a dream for them to achieve.

Our 15+ teachers from 5 churches caught Elaine's CE ideas and promoted the Contest. As the result, there were 100+ children registered and memorized a given portion of the Bible. Vanessa(3) was the youngest participant and had a lot of fun with God's word. Most prizes were gone to La Hermosa Church (7), whose teachers have shown great interest in CE from the beginning.

**CHURCH PLANT: Col. La Lagunilla**

**CHURCH NEXT: Bible Contest**

**CHURCH VISIT: Pastor Eusebio & Thanksgiving service Chiapas**

Chiapas ... always pleasant to visit. Last April, I visited a church where our dear ex-student Eusebio Vazquez (8) celebrated many thanks for his family and ministry. He was ordained 3 years ago. Fairly new ... but his Presbytery has titled him as its president to lead the churches with new ministry ideas he learned over the years in the seminary. Due to Spanish as his second language, he couldn't catch all the teachings he received, but he does his best to sow what he has learned into the heart of his people, the Ch'ols. The Thanksgiving Service (actually a party) lasted for 3 days (9, 10) until finished the offering meat (1300 lbs.) Vazquez offered. It was a village party. I was also so pleased to meet Juanito again (11). Regardless his sight disability, he is the most bright minded and gifted musician we ever known in Chiapas. Praise the Lord for such fine people!



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