

Tijuana Results - Wow!

Hello Prayer Team, God is Good ...

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For those of you that have read about "I am second" in our newsletter, here are some exciting results. (In case you missed it, "I am second" refers to small Bible studies in homes built on obeying the commands of Jesus--"if you love me you will obey my commandments". To do this the groups meet weekly to discuss a Bible passage and decide what God is telling them. The second part – which is uncommon for most Bible studies in the States-- is then each person shares with the group one specific way they are going to obey the Bible passage. For example the passage "love your neighbor" The action step is not just "I will smile at my neighbor". But I will do "X" on Tuesday to help a specific neighbor to show the love of God" The group will check the following week to see if this act of obedience was accomplished. Each group member writes down each person's promise and prays for them and calls and encourages them during the week.)

Todd Szalkowski came to us with the method as a tool for Christian growth, evangelism, and also to plant churches. Our team Tijuana warmly accepted the challenge and we now have 10 groups going in our Men and Women's rehabilitation centers and one with crippled men (Campamento de Fe). Also by connecting Todd with other pastors we have started what we hope will be a revival in Tijuana.

Below is a report Todd sent out after his last trip which was entitled "Tijuana Trip-WOW"

First -I was allowed to see fruit from my trip to Tijuana trip last November. Nine groups formed in the drug rehab centers, one of which is a second generation group!



Next- I was able to train 36 leaders of a denomination at the main church. Pastor Daniel Nuñez is the lead pastor and Pastor Jesus Rodriguez is in charge of discipleship. The training went well. The message I received last night when I returned to Dallas reads as follows:

"Thank you very much for ministering to us this weekend, everybody is excited, we are putting the whole church in Small Groups, in a few weeks we will have at least 10 groups and I am sure more will be started.....

The best part is that is just the first of the 17 churches in the denomination. The potential is huge. I have been invited back to train pastors and leaders from other denominations at the end of February at the Monthly Pastors' Alliance meeting.



Finally, my friends Greg and Kathy Saracoff introduced me to Pastor Sammy Cabanillas who is organizing a prayer campaign along the entire US-Mexico Border. Sammy is interested in training his entire team in I am Second group methodology. Can you think of a better partnership? Discipleship and Prayer!

Todd's letter above show how exciting things are getting here. Thank you for your prayers.

Blessings-Greg and Kathy Saracoff

Saracoffs with Pastor Jesus & Rosi