

Fishlock News

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Chile Outreach Report, by Keri

This summer Angie and I had the privilege of leading YWAM Denver's first ever dual language outreach trip. So how did 6 South Koreans, 3 Americans, 1

Aussie, a kiwi and an Englishman get on? I would describe it as a growing experience - God did a lot in us and through our team, but it was by the grace of God.

Our team went to Chile in response to the massive earthquake that shook the country back in February. This event, which destroyed 500,000 homes left a huge impact on the people of the country. One friend described how he saw the whole town moving up and down, as though a giant wave was moving under it. We heard many stories that touched us deeply. Stories of families rushing away from the tsunami wave that followed and the fear of returning back to their homes. The weeks and months that followed for people without electricity and water, the curfews and the looting. We felt a small fraction of the earthquake's power in the remaining aftershocks and witnessed the fear they still generate. Amongst all the loss, we heard stories of hope - one man described the earthquake as the first day in his new life, the day he gave his life back to Jesus.

During the second half of the trip our team worked amongst a poor community hit by the tsunami in

Talchuan. We helped the local municipality to repair families' homes and improve their temporary housing. Doing practical work was great, but our best times always came when we were able to build relationships with local people. It was so evident that they needed encouragement, hope and love; not just housing.

At the end of our trip we invited all the families we worked with to a presentation at the community centre. We shared worship, dramas and testimonies with them, it was a challenging night and nothing came easily. But we pressed on; we shared the gospel and washed their feet as a message of Jesus' love for them. With tears running down their faces several people came to know Jesus that night. It wasn't like we did anything special ourselves, we were just obedient and God turned up.



Temporary Housing in Talchuan, Chile

WHAT DID OUR TEAM LEARN?



Leading a team with two different cultures/languages certainly raised some challenges for us, and at times we did question why anyone would deliberately choose to do this! What we realized, though, was that this trip was the perfect training for a life of missions; living and working with people of a different culture.

Different cultures have different priorities and mindsets – some good, some bad and some that are just different. As a team one of the questions we considered was, what is the culture of the kingdom of God?

What we did learn was that we needed to live out the commandment that Jesus gave us. *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

This love requires us to lay down our preferences or “rights” in different areas of our lives. Whether that is time spent in the bathroom, food preferences or timekeeping. Other times it will compel us to address problems in humility that we would rather ignore.

We learned a lot as leaders and it was amazing to see how God used us despite our mistakes and weaknesses. It was wonderful to see God touch the lives of our students and see them serve and love others. Four of the students are now doing the “School of Ministry Development” at YWAM Denver so we are glad they wanted to come back for more!

Home Improvement

Since moving into our home, we have been slowly renovating and improving it. A few weeks ago and with help from our parents we were finally able to lay sod in the back yard. We are so pleased to have this done and it has transformed our yard from the wasteland it was to a lovely place to be:



YWAM NEWS - Denver Outreach

God has put it on the heart of our leaders to start a third YWAM location in Lower Downtown Denver (LoDo). We’re not waiting for a building though, we are beginning with a weekly outreach on Friday nights called “Kingdom night”. So far this has included offering free prayer, worship, and art. God has been moving and we’ve had reports of healings at the skate-park and people making a commitment to follow Jesus.

This Quarter...

- We are excited to be visiting Keri’s family in the UK.
- Angie is working with the School of Ministry Development, discipling 4 girls.
- Keri is developing the School of “Community Development For Missions” (CDFM) and also gets to watch Jonathan whilst Angie is working.

We’d really appreciate your prayers for God’s peace and joy in our lives during this busy quarter. Thank you for all of your prayer and support.