

# SUN SNAPSHOTS



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## Water for the Thirsty



This month, Blake and Joshua led a College of Prayer in another denomination in Mexico City. Before the prayer module began, God gave us a picture of artesian wells. The surface might appear hard, but underneath there would be a deep thirst for an encounter with God. A week prior to the event, only 5 people had registered. The prayer leader, in faith, asked for 150 manuals to be printed. Friday evening arrived; 150 were in attendance! And the wells burst forth.

One woman gave testimony that after 40 years, she had finally encountered Jesus as her first love. A man who described his spiritual walk as “dry” said that the weekend had been an answer to his SOS call to God. A widower, carrying a load of guilt and feeling rejected by God, rejoiced in a new beginning. The pastor summed up the weekend with these words: “What God has begun, no one can stop!”

## A Widening Panorama

The Kairos Course has been an effective tool for broadening the vision of C&MA pastors and leaders beyond their local churches and ministries. Last week, we had the privilege of facilitating a course in Río Chico for the northern district. Once again, we witnessed an awakening among the 18 participants of the tremendous need to reach the least reached of the world. On the last day, the testimonies of the participants revealed that a shift had occurred with regards to how they viewed life and ministry.

We are excited to see how the national church is actively promoting this training in each of their districts. At this course, Alma (beside Kathy) was being equipped as a head facilitator. She did an amazing job! We are excited about the growing potential as facilitators are being trained to multiply this training throughout the denomination and beyond. The C&MA missions vision continues to expand as they prepare to send out workers.



## Thank you for praying...

1. Thank you for praying for the College of Prayer and the Kairos Course this past month. Please continue to pray for the people who were impacted during these 2 events. Pray that they will nurture what was planted in their lives so that its impact will increase not only in themselves but also spread to those around them. Pray that each facilitator that joins the prayer and Kairos teams will lead under the Spirit's anointing.

2. Blake is preparing for 2 prayer events on the island from Sept. 9-23. We thank God that a religious visa was granted for him and for several others who will be participating in these events.

(a) Pray for a College of Prayer module that will be held in the eastern region of the island (12-14).

(b) Pray for a prayer network retreat in the central region (16-19) with leaders from across the nation. The focus will be on spiritual fathers taking their place.

(c) Please pray for travel safety as Blake and the team will be spending many hours on the road to get to these events. Pray also for protection for the families of the leaders. Regularly the families are hit with sickness or spiritual attack before or during these prayer events.

(d) Pray for freedom and for protection against any hindrances so that God's purposes for these gatherings will be fulfilled.

3. Pray for us in the many opportunities we have to mentor and come alongside leaders. Pray for wisdom and discernment for us. We desire an ever-increasing ability to hear the Spirit while we are listening to others.

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## Uniting the Church through Prayer

*"Unity and collaboration cannot be separated from any definition of maturity."* (Max Chismon, International Coordinator for the Kairos Course.) This quote caught my attention last week. As the Church matures to reach



its fullest potential, we will all lay aside our differences in order to cooperate in reaching the world for Christ. We have seen in the past that calling the Body of Christ to prayer is a key step for moving in this direction. That is why Blake, Joshua and many others have dedicated time to calling churches to unite in prayer.

Mexico City has the population of a nation. We often ask ourselves: "What would happen if believers in this city united to pray as one voice for this city and for the world?" Please join us in interceding for this to become a reality.

Thank you for praying for us and for supporting the Global Advance Fund which enables us to work as IW's in the Sun Region. You are an important part of our team!

Blake and Kathy

*Discipling people to be a transforming presence among the least reached.*

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