

Recovery Mode

We successfully made it through our 2024 course and graduated 11 students Friday, the 26th of April! I can't believe it's almost been two weeks since grad! The day after grad I was cleaning up and pinched a nerve in my back, which set me back a few days, and when I was almost recovered, I came down with some kind of flu. I'm thankful to be mostly well now and that so far no one else in our family has gotten sick. So, since CEC ended, we have been in somewhat of recovery mode.

Every course has its challenges and blessings, this last course was no different. We had highs and lows, but all through it one thing remains the same, a faithful God who carries us through and loves us so incredibly much. He sent His own son to die on a cross for our sins. Life is messy and hard, but when we live in the reality of our identity of who we are because of what Jesus did, how we're accepted and deemed white as snow in God's eyes, wow are we blessed. The grace of the Cross. The Fathers unconditional love. Hope of an eternity with Christ. These are things we cling to and live in.

Love

As we sat around a fireside on the beach for our last night with the students and staff, Denver led us in our last communion time together and then the students had a time of sharing about their last 14 weeks of the course. Something that has been hard for me is the difference in not having my dad around. My dad was always so encouraging, loving, attentive, relational, and fun-loving. I sometimes have wondered how we can continue on to fill his shoes, expressing the incredible love that dad always gave so freely. I know we all love on these students while they're here, but sometimes I wondered if it was enough. That may sound weird and crazy, but something that has always made our course different and special is the love shown and the tight-knit family that it forms. As I listened to the students share about their time, over and over again love was mentioned, and one student in particular, Luis, shared how he didn't really believe in love, that he had never actually experienced unconditional love and doubted its existence...until CEC. Not only did he experience Christ's love through the staff at CEC, but he came to realize just how much God the Father loves him. No strings attached, unconditional love.

As I sat there, tears began to stream down my cheeks. God continues to work and use the staff at CEC, even if my beloved dad is no longer with us. Once again, I'm reminded that it wasn't my dad's school or his ministry, but it is God's and it continues on. We are not perfect. It was a very intense course. I feel like I ran around crazy half the time, but to GOD BE THE GLORY because people's lives were changed, enriched, and molded because of GOD'S work in their lives. CEC continues to be a place that gives not only tools for ministry, Gospel hope, Firm Bible-based foundations, but it is a place where hearts and characters are transformed because of a greater love and friendship with Jesus. This is why we do what we do! Is it worth it? Yes, it is!

Canada

We are required by the government of Canada, if we want to one day receive our pension, to stay six consecutive months in Canada within every 5-year period. My parents were doing this same thing when my dad started getting treatment for his illness. So, we are madly getting things in order to be away from home as a family and for our team. We have been asked many times if we've been able to relax now that school is done, and aside from being sick and in bed, no, we have no time yet to relax! Ha ha! Our lists are long, our brains are rather fried, our bodies are tired, our kids are energetic, but we press on as we end this season and head into the next.

Teamwork

We are continually grateful and amazed at the team God has brought to us at CEC. Our team pulled together this year through thick and thin, and we're so grateful to be in ministry alongside them. Not only does God work in the lives of our students, but He is also works in us as leadership, molding us to be more like His Son, empowering us to serve in this ministry.

Noel and Macy

Noel continues to communicate more and more in Spanish; she loves attending preschool. Her expertise in cutting and pasting is also growing. All the scraps on the floor that she sweeps up every day are evidence of that. Ha ha! Noel loves rainbows and has decided that when she grows up she wants to live in Canada in a unicorn house that's full of color.

Macy Doll talks a mile a minute now and so far her favourite words that she says are banana and watermelon. She uses her tongue and whole mouth to get the words out and it's quite great! Macy is sweet, intense, and loves to sing. One of the things I know my dad would have LOVED and been so proud of, is that she loves meat! Ha ha! She is truly a meat lover and many times she will eat meat over sweet things even. So great.

Road Trip

We're heading out of San Carlos, Lord willing, June 24th. Our goal is to cross into Canada on June 1st, and we will be crossing into Manitoba first. We have a few stops along the way up to Canada and will land in different areas on the way to British Columbia to visit family and friends. Please reach out to us if you're on the road between Winnipeg and Salmon Arm and would like to have a coffee, we would love to touch base, if possible.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement. We feel a little torn about being in Canada for six months. In part, it's sad to be away from home for so long and all that entails, yet exciting to have the opportunity to connect with friends and family. We will be doing lots of traveling, visiting, sharing, promoting, and taking advantage of much-needed family time and

rest. The journey through this last season has been long and intense! We praise God for His faithfulness in carrying us through and for His ever-continuing love and guidance.

Please get in touch with us if you would like to meet up during our travels.
Sending love from the Janz family in Mexico, bye for now!

Katie, for Denver, Noel, and Macy too!

PRAYER TIMES:

That God would direct our last days here in Mexico as we prepare for our departure to Canada. Our van was in a small accident and needs a big fix. Please pray our insurance company repairs the van in-time for our departure.

Continued patience love and wisdom in raising our precious daughters.

Prayer for our team on the ground as they continue to serve throughout the year.

Strength and encouragement for Susan as we leave for these six months, as she continues to work through her grief.

For all the travels that lie ahead.

Continued wisdom for our leadership at CEC.

Thank you for your faithfulness in bringing us as a family, the ministry of CEC, and those who are involved, before God in prayer. We are so grateful for your partnership!