



How God Works

This was my fifth year to go with our mission team to Izamal, Yucatan for the summer English Camp program. Every year is somewhat different, as the location of the camp, the students we open the camp to, and the team of teachers change every year. This year we took the largest team with a joint team of 12 members from Binnerri's Youth and EM. We opened the English Camp classes this year to public school students in Izamal by coordinating with school officials and holding classes at a middle school, a high school, and in the city's Cultural Center building. The students this year ranged in ages from elementary up to adults in the Cultural Center class. In fact, one student must have been a grandfather in his late 50s or early 60s!

But that's really all just the surface stuff. That's what I usually tell people about when they ask me, "how was the mission trip to Yucatan?" There is another side of joining the mission team that's harder to share, but that's what really keeps me going back.

A lot of people wonder what English Camp has to do with missions anyway. Teaching English was just the platform we used to share God's love and His Word to the people in Izamal.

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Want to submit an article? We'd love to hear from you! E-mail us with your articles/ideas at connections@binnerriem.org. Submissions must be made by the third Sunday of each month.

Submissions

Want to serve in a different way? Join the *Connections* team! E-mail us at connections@binnerriem.org for more information.

Upcoming events

August-September

August 8, Saturday @ 6:30am
Men's Prayer Meeting

August 8-11th, Saturday - Tuesday
Youth Retreat

August 15, Saturday @ 6:30am
Women's Prayer Meeting

August 16, Sunday
LifeGroup Bowling Event

August 26, Wednesday @ 7pm
Pathway (Singles) Gathering

August 29, Saturday @ 7pm
FamilyLand

September 11-13, Friday - Sunday
Binnerri EM Fall Retreat

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We taught English through Bible stories, sang praise songs, and acted out scenes from the Bible. God works in mysterious ways. Somehow He uses 10-15 hours of English classes once a year to work in the hearts of the people of Izamal and in the hearts of the volunteers from our church. All week, God is clearly at work teaching, testing. It happens during our classes, during our "down time" back at the missionary's house, and during our visits and interactions with the residents of Izamal we get to meet during our trip.

After five years, I can't say that I've seen phenomenal improvement in the English abilities of even the repeat students from year to year. What I can see is people who God loves. Hopefully, they can see that as well when they look at our group of volunteers. All I know for sure is that somewhere in there during the classroom small talk, the games, the skits, and the songs God is at work. He'll take this small thing that we can offer—teaching English for a week in a Mexican town most people have never heard of—and turn it into something I can't even imagine. How was Yucatan English Camp this year? Amazing as ever.

- Casey Malarcher ❖

Pastor's Corner

Greetings!



We have a very special Binnerri

Connections this month, as the focus is really on outreach. We do believe that God has called the local church to be the salt and light, and that means that we are to make a difference in our community and in the world.

Throughout this issue, you will see the different opportunities that God has blessed us to partner with. We don't do this in any way to "show off" what we are doing as a ministry, but to celebrate what God is doing as we reach out. We pray that it would inspire you and remind you that it's not about us. God has truly blessed our congregation and we just seek to be a blessing to those we have an opportunity to minister to. Please pray for our missionaries, ministry partners, and local outreach programs; that God would continue to encourage them as they do His Kingdom work.

May we always be a community that is not inward focused, but outward. And may God use us and those around us for His renown.

Blessed,
PK

Our Missionaries: An Update

Joe & Juliet Kim: Nagoya, Japan

This past Independence Day made us a little bit homesick for some of the activities that we grew up with, including fireworks and a big ole barbeque with friends and family. Yet, we treasure our new Christian family here in Japan and the many new friends God has blessed us with.



Prayer Requests

1. Our children's ministry intern is leaving at the end of September. Please pray the Lord would raise up a new teacher/director. If you or anyone you know is gifted in this area and are praying about serving as a one to two year missionary to children, please contact us.
2. Please continue to pray for All Nations Fellowship (ANF).
3. One of our ANF staff interns, Joey, is showing signs of liver cancer. The first tests were negative, but the doctor wanted to run more tests. We are all anxiously waiting the results.
4. Bruce, our Missions To the World (MTW) mentor, is about to be treated for prostate cancer. Please pray that the surgery in September would go smoothly.
5. Please pray as we embark on our Capital Campaign. We have raised approximately \$500,000 and are trying to raise another \$1 million to purchase land for our seminary as well as for our new international university (more information/brochures coming soon).

Narin & Quenie Chey: Cambodia



Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for us. Our family has been very sick lately, but now we are well. My youngest son is still recovering. Narin has been preaching on a series of "Putting on the Spiritual Armor of God" from Ephesians 6. And on June 30, Quenie was able to tell the parents of the children enrolled in our Daycare Center about God.

Prayer Requests

1. Our first Youth Conference is on August 6-8. Please pray that God will provide enough funds and the youth will truly be changed and understand their need of a Savior in Jesus Christ.
2. For our church lease renewal contract. The owner wants \$1,200 monthly, more than we can pay. Pray that the owner will agree at \$1,000 per month for the next 2 years, that God will provide, and our people would continue to trust God and give generously.
3. For the leadership of Gospel Commission Fellowship (GCF).
4. For more children to join the ABC-123 Pre-School. Also, that God will send a volunteer missionary teacher. Pray for wisdom and strength for Quenie as she is administering and teaching while being a mother to 3 active kids!
5. For our family, daily provision, protection and good health. Also, that God will continue to protect our marriage and that we would continue to prioritize our time with God.
6. To find a place to move as our house is in a flooded area and the rain is here. For God's provision that we would be able to build a room enough for our family inside the vicinity of the church land.

John & Gloria Yi: The Community in Maywood, IL Our Supported Church-Plant Partner

John and Gloria Yi are North American Mission Board church-planters in Maywood, Illinois. They currently serve Jesus and their neighbors in the Village of Maywood, a socioeconomically depressed, urban “collar” suburb of Chicago. Their commitments to raising-up the next generation of missional-minded Jesus-followers has also led them to minister on the campuses of Solex College, Triton College, and Northeastern Illinois University.



Prayer Requests:

1. Pray that the plague of deeply embedded cultural Christianity will receive the mortal wound that it deserves, and that radical cross-bearing would become normative for all disciples of Jesus.
2. Pray that God will use his servants to draw the unsaved to Himself through a vital relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ.
3. Pray that the Community in Maywood (the church plant) would be a bride who might reflect the glory of her Bridegroom through the authentic and relevant manifestation of Christ’s headship over her.

For more information, visit www.RadiantBride.org or email at pastorjohn@radiantbride.org.

Charles & Grace Lee: Yucatan, Mexico



We are doing well, despite the difficulties around Mexico. Still, we trust that the Lord has a purpose in all these things.

Prayer Requests:

1. People are suffering from the bad economy, prolonged drought lasting almost a year, and influenza pandemic, especially in regions like Yucatan.
2. We’re struggling to finalize VBS 2009 projects because there isn’t any economic support from outside, and the churches in Yucatan are mostly not self-sufficient.

**** Updated information on two of our supported missionaries have been removed from our online version due to security reasons.**

Do Justice

On Saturday, May 30th, a group of 62 people from our ministry decided to live beyond the four walls of our church building by being the hands and feet of Jesus. On this day, we decided to "be" the Church rather than just "going" to Church by partnering with six non-profit organizations to participate in hands-on projects that served our city and directly impacted people in need.

This was an incredible opportunity for us as a church to give a little bit of our time, energies, and resources to make a big difference in the lives of others. We had the awesome privilege of being a part of what God was doing through these various ministries in our own back yards. We committed a few hours on one day, but we know that there is still so much more that we can do both individually and as the Body of Christ.



Our ultimate goal for this event is for it to be a springboard to inspire and stir us towards service as a way of life. We know that God cares deeply for the poor and the needy of our city, and He has called His people to be the channels of His love, compassion, and mercy. The needs are great, giving us an incredible opportunity to visibly and tangibly reflect His heart for our communities. Micah 6:8 reads, "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to *do justice*, love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." We plan on having another Do Justice event in the winter time and we are looking forward to even greater opportunities to serve this city, and more importantly, the God of this city. ❖

Your Words: Yucatan Missions

Thi Nguyen was part of the team that went to Yucatan, Mexico from June 28- July 5. We asked her to share a bit about her experience. Here's what she had to say.

What compelled you to go to Yucatan? What were you anticipating?

I wanted to see what it would be like to teach English and to help others in a different country. But really I had no expectations going in.

Share a bit about your experience. What was a memorable moment?

Some of the most memorable moments were just talking with the students. Some walk 30 minutes or more in the 100 degree heat and high humidity every day to attend just a few hours of school! That's impressive! Also, they are so humbled by their surroundings; they are some of the nicest kids I've ever met! I hope they all reach their goals of going to a university in Merida (town nearby) to reach their career goals.

What did you like most about going to Yucatan?

I liked the kids there the most. Most are not into material or superficial things because of their humble upbringing, and do not misbehave. They are very gracious, shy, and curious. They made the heat, mosquitoes and work worthwhile. Yucatan was a great experience overall with lots of nice people to work with. The trip is a privilege and learning experience for anyone to experience in their lifetime. I was glad that I had an opportunity to encounter God through the various things He placed along our path. ❖

Outreach Events



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