

The Importance of Mayonnaise

But did you bring the mayonnaise? In parts of Mexico a condiment can sometimes make or break a hot dog feed! We learned this “important” cultural lesson earlier this month while serving with The Bridge church at Clínica La Esperanza (CLE).

It was a blessing to serve with The Bridge church and all the missionaries at CLE. To see how God is working in this area of Baja through a small community of believers is encouraging and humbling. During the week the team jumped in to help with VBS in a nearby community, participated in film ministry, work projects and other outreaches. For us, it was also an introduction to what we will be doing this summer.



On Tuesday night, CLE opened its doors for a community outreach. We played volleyball, had activities for the children and free hot dogs for everyone. The week before, the team forgot to bring mayonnaise, not realizing that in Mexico, almost everyone likes mayonnaise on their hot dog. The announcement that this week we had mayonnaise was received with a loud cheer!



A last minute change of VBS venue had us going to Las Casitas, where a young woman named Raquel started and leads a Saturday Bible Club for about 30-50 children each week. She also attended one just like it at CLE when she was younger. Raquel has her own prodigal story. As a teenager, she walked away from all that she had learned, but God used a frightening situation in her life to bring her back to Him. The truth from God’s Word had stayed with her from her Bible Club days. Now in her early 20’s, she is eager to share God’s love, and make sure the young people in her community are taught God’s Word. It was a blessing to serve alongside her for part of the week!



We heard and witnessed other stories during our time at CLE. Stories of loss and redemption, stories of restoration, stories of hope, and some of heartbreak. It is amazing to hear and witness how God uses all of these for His glory and the good of those who love Him. We are looking forward to serving at CLE again. This summer you will be an important part of these stories and this ministry with us.

“...so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.”
(2 Corinthians 4:15, ESV)

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