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A Thriving Church for Every People

Graduation from Ethnos360 Training

There are many methods implemented by missionaries around the world to meet physical needs, humanitarian needs, to evangelize, provide resources and build up the global church. I've chosen to work with Ethnos360, because their aim is to establish equipped, maturing churches among the least engaged peoples around the world.

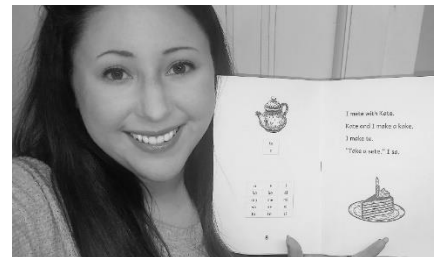
The work of church planting is challenging and involved, so Ethnos360 requires extensive training for all their members. I've spent the past two years in Missouri going through their Missionary Training program. Throughout this time, I had classes on dissecting worldviews, cultural value systems & folk religion to help me navigate life in a new country. I took classes on language learning methodology and phonetics to prepare me to learn a new language efficiently. I studied conflict resolution and teamwork for the sake of maintaining healthy relationships on the field. I also had a wide variety of opportunities to learn practical skills, like field health, scratch cooking, Missionary technology and communications.

The heart of the program is the church planting classes that prepare students for all the different phases of ministry with an unreached people group. This includes literacy, foundational Bible teaching, curriculum development, translation and Evangelism. Much of our training was experiential. We didn't just learn in theory, we practiced as much as we could. We've written literacy primers, translated passages of Scripture, charted a people group's genealogy and practiced the methods we were taught for learning a foreign language. We even lived out in the woods for 17 days in structures we built ourselves.

I graduated April 9, 2022, with 48 other new missionaries who will all be transitioning into a variety of roles in places like Mexico, Brazil, West Africa, South Asia, Papua New Guinea, and the Philippines. All working towards the same goal: to see those without knowledge of or access to the Gospel and God's Word be reached and equipped to mature and multiply for generations to come.



In class at Ethnos360 Training



Primer I wrote in Literacy class



My house in the woods



Learning to suture in a Field Health class



LOCAL
CHURCH
TRAINING



BIBLE &
MISSIONS
TRAINING



MINISTRY
PARTNERS/
FIELD PREP

COUNTRY ARRIVAL



CULTURE/
LANGUAGE
ACQUISITION

ALLOCATION



FULL-TIME
MINISTRY

Serving in Mexico

In June of 2021 I took a short trip down to Chihuahua, Mexico. I toured quite a few facilities and met so many amazing people in my weeklong visit. Ethnos360 has a small complex in the city where they have offices, a Bible College, a Missionary Training Center, and a K-12 school for missionary kids.

The Bible College and Training Center have made it possible for many Mexican people to receive the training required to join Ethnos360 and become church planters. I was so blessed to go down there and find Mexicans, Americans, Colombians and Europeans all partnering as co-workers to reach the unreached.



Chihuahua, Mexico 2021

We currently have seven teams living among different indigenous people groups in Mexico working to establish a church presence and complete Bible translations.

As soon as my financial support is in place and all practical arrangements have been made, I plan to move to Chihuahua, Mexico. Once I am settled, I will work exclusively on learning Spanish, building community, and getting familiar with the culture. The purpose of this season is to ensure longevity in ministry. Once I reach a specific level of language proficiency I will allocate to a long-term ministry position. This could be church planting, Bible translation, administration or serving in one of the schools.

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