

Special Delivery

As a single mother, Maritsa struggles to care for her four children, ages 4-13. After finding out that her husband had been involved in multiple extra-marital affairs, she was shell-shocked. Feeling exhausted and depressed, she began to doubt her worth. Maritsa hit rock bottom.

Then, a few months ago, Maritsa opened her mailbox to find an invitation. We had sent out 1,000 cards inviting our neighbours to join a Bible study group held by our small church plant. Maritsa longed for healing in her life. "I came in desperation," she remembers. "I showed up at the door of the church, curious to know what a Bible study was!"

Maritsa and her children have been meeting with us for the past few months. It has been so exciting to watch her encounter God in new ways every week. For her birthday, our whole Bible study group surprised her by celebrating at her house – she had forgotten it was her birthday! This was the first time in five years that anyone had celebrated with her.

The image was so profound. As the hands and feet of God, our church community came together to show Maritsa she is loved, cared for and valued by her Creator. We are her new family in Christ.

Maritsa is bursting at the seams with a desire to share what God is daily revealing to her. She meets with a few friends every week, passing on to them what she learned at Bible study the previous day. God is growing this small church plant through new, passionate believers like Maritsa.

Praise God for his faithfulness as He draws more families in Campo Real towards Him. Pray that more people who are at their lowest point will find hope in the Good News of Christ. We are so encouraged and blessed to be a part of what the Lord is doing here among us!

James and Alyssa Wiest,
Missionaries in Guadalajara Mexico

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Training Ground

When I open my eyes to see the nations, I see the Spirit of God at work. There is a stirring in hearts all around the world, drawing them deeper into relationship with Jesus and with each other.

This is what ACTION is all about – a 6-week, intense cross-cultural ministry adventure. Young adults are invited to explore how God is working through His Church around the world and to join Him! This invitation begins with a week of orientation, a rich encounter with the Spirit of God as we prepare for the ministry ahead and intercede on behalf of those we will meet.



ACTION participants in training

I am always amazed at the transformation that occurs after just one week of orientation. God has the power to soften our hearts, break down our walls and still our fears. He has called each one of us to transform lives by demonstrating His love.

Orientation is only the beginning – a training ground. From this place we are sent out to support long-term teams who are planting churches in communities where the Gospel has not been widely preached. Please pray for ACTION Fresno and Winnipeg, whose orientation programs begin on July 1st. Pray that God will transform participants during this time of training, preparing them for greatest impact during the month-long international team ministry.

Pray that our teams can reach those who are least likely to have heard the Good News of Christ. He alone brings freedom and hope!

"From the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant;' I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:9-10

Lisa Derksen,
STM Assistant - Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 John & Evelyn Wiens Ukraine	2 S & L Restricted	3 Motohiro & Mariya Hamana Thailand	4 S Restricted
5 C & F Team C4 Restricted	6 Cynthia Friesen Thailand	7 Jim & Marilou Nightingale Brazil	8 S Team C4 Restricted	9 Sandra Fender Thailand	10 Baudouin & Marie-Brigitte Nsulunka South Africa	11 DMI Ukraine
12 S & N Restricted	13 Otto & Lidia Funk Peru	14 Rob & Judy Griffioen Thailand	15 Member Care Volunteer Team Thailand	16 PK & C Restricted	17 James & Alyssa Wiest Mexico	18 M & R Team 58:12 Restricted
19 Blaine & Michelle Warner Burkina Faso	20 TREK Thailand	21 B Restricted	22 Edd & Ingrid Russell Thailand	23 Sandra Plett Mexico	24 Andy & Carmen Owen Thailand	25 S & B Team 58:12 Restricted
26 J & F Restricted	27 Otto & Marjorie Ekk Portugal	28 Stacy Kuhns US Midwest	29 Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters Thailand	30 K & W Team C4 Restricted		