

July 2026 Zaragoza Iglesia de Cristo

The following is to inform you of what has come to pass in the month of July a very intense and hot month. We have been feeling the high summer temperatures; my ninety-year-old mother became dehydrated because she had a problem that prevented her from eating or drinking water, and she had to be hospitalized. Thank God she is doing well now and is eating and drinking water again, the protection of our great God has been with his people, He is the one that keeps us from the high temperatures and provides water and that gives us great joy. We continue to pray for the rain to come, because it is sorely needed; our God is good and remembers His people.

Last July, we joyfully held the VBS in Zaragoza; the central theme was self-esteem. The children discovered how valuable they are in God's eyes; I have witnessed a lack of self-esteem among both young and old in our society. A child with healthy self-esteem is more likely to develop holistically, facing life with confidence and self-assurance, whereas low self-esteem can lead to suicide—a risk that is higher among adolescents. During those days, the children enjoyed a garden that—like each of them—was extraordinary; they learned that nurturing one's self-esteem is like tending a garden. That is why the classrooms were decorated with plants and flowers to create a garden-like atmosphere. Each day, they learned about a biblical figure who served as an inspiration and an example of what God can do in their lives:

1. Day 1: "I am unique; God created me as a special being" – based on the creation of Adam and Eve
2. Day 2: "I am authentic; God has called me with a purpose" – based on the life of David
3. Day 3: "I am chosen; God has called me with a purpose" – based on the calling of Moses
4. Day 4: "I am a child of faith; with faith, all things are possible" – based on the calling of Joshua

But they also enjoyed crafts, games, and refreshments. They were days of great joy that the children enjoyed.

I also want to share with you that my wife and I had the opportunity to travel with our young people to a national youth gathering in San Luis, Mexico, a total of 14 of our young people from our congregation. We were impressed to see so many young people attending from various parts of Mexico; the total attendance was 1,500. Accommodation and meals were provided free of charge, though there was a 40 dlr. Registration fee, so our only expense was airfare; both the lodging and the activities took place at a very large hotel. Of course, the hotel only had space for 800 people, so five young people shared each room—with men and women separated, naturally—meaning my wife and I were apart, as she stayed with the women and I with the men. We and our young people managed to get spots at the hotel, but many of the other youths slept in the homes of Christians who opened their house to them. We really enjoyed the workshops offered (on leadership, theology, teaching, and singing); it sounded beautiful to hear 1,500 young people singing the hymns they were learning in unison. As a result, 37 young people were baptized for the forgiveness of sins—including two of our own youths who had not yet converted. It was truly an incredible experience. The next gathering will take place in Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico, in two years. Well brothers that is all for the moment hoping the almighty be with us in what we started, and He finds us doing His Will, knowing that everyday we get closer to meet Him, receive a strong hug from my wife as from this your humble servant.

Sincerely

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