

A FOCUSED CHURCH

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Yo Soy Church hosts a CC3D training program. They recently finished their second year and had their second graduation of students.

We are not a Bible institute or a theological seminary; we are just a church focused on the Great Commission. We seek to follow Jesus' model. He invested the last years of His life in a small group: twelve men who transformed the world of the first century and impacted future generations of disciples.

The average church in general seems to be full of activities called ministries that keep everyone busy but do not always achieve the desired result: salvation and discipleship. Many church-goers don't have a clear understanding of the gospel of God's grace. Without this understanding, there can be no growth in the Christian life, no service in the body of Christ, and no sure hope, resulting in no power for life.

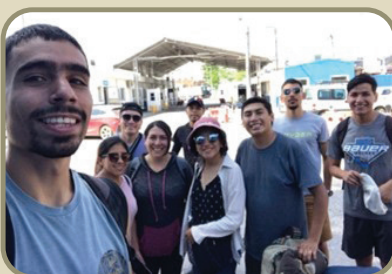


There is no way to compel believers to internalize the pure gospel of God's grace other than following the Master's example of intentionality and intensity. CC3D is an all-day affair comparable to the relentlessness of factory work. The small group of disciple-makers and disciples work hard to teach and hear the truths of God's word, first for their own lives and second to give a defense of the hope that is in them.

DISCIPLE-MAKING IN ACTION

by Naiot Padilla, Pastor of "Yo Soy Church" and Director of CC3D
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As a church, we have always dreamed of being involved in discipleship, but for years it was impossible for us. As a pastor, it really frustrated me. And the last year before I got to know CC3D, I was considering giving up on ministry. I started to think that working with people was impossible and they were never going to change. Change was also impossible for me.



Last year (2023), God used CC3D in my own life. Through many different circumstances, I ended up being a student. It didn't take much time to realize that what was wrong about ministry wasn't other people and how they responded to change; the problem was the message I believed in and preached. Learning Jesus is sufficient is not just a phrase. When I understood it the way the Bible teaches, this truth revolutionized my life in every aspect.

Paul stated my feelings accurately in 1 Corinthians 2:15 when he said, "And when I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come as someone superior in speaking ability or wisdom, as I proclaimed to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I also was with you in weakness and fear, and in great trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of mankind, but on the power of God."

Now this last year (2024), it was our turn as a church to teach what we had learned as students, and it has been amazing to see God's power in many lives, not only in the students, but in many members of the church as well. We are experiencing the timeless truth of God's power as a treasure in these earthen containers.

Pouring the pure, unadulterated word into the lives of others, with the only purpose being to know God, as He intended to be known, through the revelation of Scripture, has become our only ministry as a church, whether in the CC3D classes from 8am to 5pm, in Bible study groups in different houses, in our Sunday meetings, or in intense weeks of study as a church (As a church we have already studied eight books this year).

There are many things I would like to tell. Maybe it would be easier in a conversation than in a letter, but hopefully this helps you know a little of how God is working here in Cochabamba, Bolivia.



2024 CC3D graduates heading out on their summer practicum.



School's not all work and no fun!

Prayer and Praise:

- Prayer and praise for CC3D graduates in Bolivia
- Prayer for John and Nelly Wry as they start a second CC3D in Bolivia in February
- Prayer for the political situation in Bolivia
- Prayer for a one-day Philemon workshop in Canada
- Prayer for Cameroon workshop end of January
- Praise for revision of 1 and 2 Thessalonians curriculum to be taught in Bolivia in December
- Prayer for a 3-day online workshop with our Zambian leaders this month
- Praise for disciple-making in many places around the world
- Pray for continued open doors



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