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Notes from Dan and DeAnn!!

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Winning Cities for Christ...

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Brian, Lori, and Rachel as they ministry on the Madero campus. Pray specifically that in the next two weeks they would see a Bible Study form.
- Praise God that we held our first English club on the UDLA campus. Pray that we would see a Bible study form there also.
- Pray for the Spring Break groups (one from MTU, one from Nebraska) that are coming down. Pray for our planning, effective ministry, and for safety. Pray for the showing of the Jesus Film during this time.
- Again, pray for Joe, a Jehovah's Witness, that he will come to a saving knowledge of God.

Arriving by bus, taxi and driving in by car, 120 pastors from all over the country of Mexico showed up at the conference "Ganadores de Ciudades" or "City Winners." They came because they wanted to impact their communities. To give you an idea of the heart of these pastors, here is the main question of the weekend: "How can we point to growth in our churches and success in our ministries and still see our cities getting worse in terms of crime and social problems?" What these pastors want to do is to reach their city for Christ and have that impact be felt by the entire city, by non-believers and believers alike.

The reason that we were blessed to be a part of this historic event was to give these pastors an option for effectively reaching the college students in their cities. We have personally seen success in catalytic ministry where we have had local church involvement and participation, specifically a key pastor; and when local churches have partnered with us, they have also seen growth. We presented what Vida Estudiantil Catalytic is and how we



Speaking before a conference of 120 pastors was a somewhat daunting experience!

could be of help to the pastors as they worked to reach every segment of the city. We invited them to let us help them train and equip their college age students to be sent out from the local church as missionaries on their campus. We shared how in Oaxaca, a catalytic campus, there are 20 new believers (more on the web) and how we want to see things like that happen all over Mexico.

It was exciting to be able to share and fellowship with these pastors. Pray that we will be able to effectively partner with the efforts of these pastors and help them reach campuses in their cities.

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