



David with CETI students in São Paulo, Brazil, after a training session

Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? (Matthew 9:5), What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? (Mark 4:30), Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? (Luke 12:25), Where are they? Has no one condemned you? (John 8:10)

If you spend time in the gospels it isn't long until Jesus asks a poignant question that acts like a gentle rain bringing life to every living thing around. Sometimes his questions cause transformation, anticipate or follow a healing, lead to conversion, or remain a hidden seed opening at the right time. Although we cannot measure the total impact of Jesus' questions, it is clear that asking questions, telling stories and parables were key components of how he taught and invited others into his kingdom work.

Allowing questions and narrative to inform our teaching method at CETI has shaped how we teach and train leaders to read the bible with their churches. In the upcoming weeks David is teaching a course on the Pedagogy of Jesus. This course's aim is to shape the learning experience that takes place in the church according to Jesus' practices. It is one of our online Open Courses available to master's students and non students alike. Although some of our Open Courses are part of our master's

program, others emerge autonomously out of the needs and questions arising from the church in Latin America.

In March David was in São Paulo, Brazil teaching a joint Open Course and On Campus Course about Narrative. The course was bilingual, David taught in both Spanish and Portuguese and was attended by over 30 students. Students were deeply encouraged by studying the scriptures together, and challenged to be instruments of change in their churches.

While in São Paulo David visited one of the communities in the slums, where Marcos, a CETI facilitator has taken the CETI Basic material and rewrote it as a children's story. The book is about a boy who wants to become an integrated person, and in each chapter the boy has an encounter exploring one of the themes from the CETI material leading him on a journey to wholeness. Marcos is developing the narrative story to reach the children, as well as the women and mothers that attend the Sunday school and don't participate in the church service while caring for the kids. It is a creative and ambitious project and we are excited at the impact it is making in his community.



Kids planting a prayer garden at church based on psalm 1

Suzannah teaching in Carillos

In May we were invited to visit the churches of Carillo by Erika, a CETI master's student who works in a community centre in the nearby city. While we were there David gave a workshop inviting the local churches to use the CETI basic material for their leadership training. Suzannah led a workshop training teachers to use the Montessori method for teaching the bible.



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Sofia, Andres and Anna Laura are doing well. We are so grateful because they really like their school. They have also enjoyed learning about the different animals and birds that live in Costa Rica.

Thank you for partnering with us in this work of leadership formation in Latin America. We could not do this work without your prayers and support!

Blessings,
David, Suzannah, Sofía, Andrés and Anna Laura

Prayer requests

- That our visa papers will be processed and approved
- That the CETI masters students will grow in their gifting and theological understanding in order to grow in their faith and to better live out their faith
- That the CETI facilitators would be encouraged and grow in their abilities as facilitators
- That the CETI staff team would be encouraged and strengthened through this time of restructuring we are undergoing

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