

# Steeple Stories

The newsletter of North Shore Baptist Church

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## Mission Trip to Salamanca

The week after Easter, North Shore sent a mission team (**Celia Rodriguez, Holale Azondjani, Viola Mayol**, and myself) to serve and to learn alongside CMF International's Globalscope campus ministry in Salamanca, Spain. Thank you for your prayers, your finances, and your gifts of time, which enabled us to represent North Shore in Salamanca.

The ministry, called En Vivo, is a relational ministry for students at the University of Salamanca and the Pontificia University. En Vivo's mission is "amando a los estudiantes, conectando con Cristo" and it lives out this vision through creating service opportunities in the community, Bible study, leadership development, and especially hospitality, providing students a home away from home at its campus house. It was a treasure to experience En Vivo's alternate reality for a week!



Our Mission Team as they enjoyed a moment of rest in central Salamanca

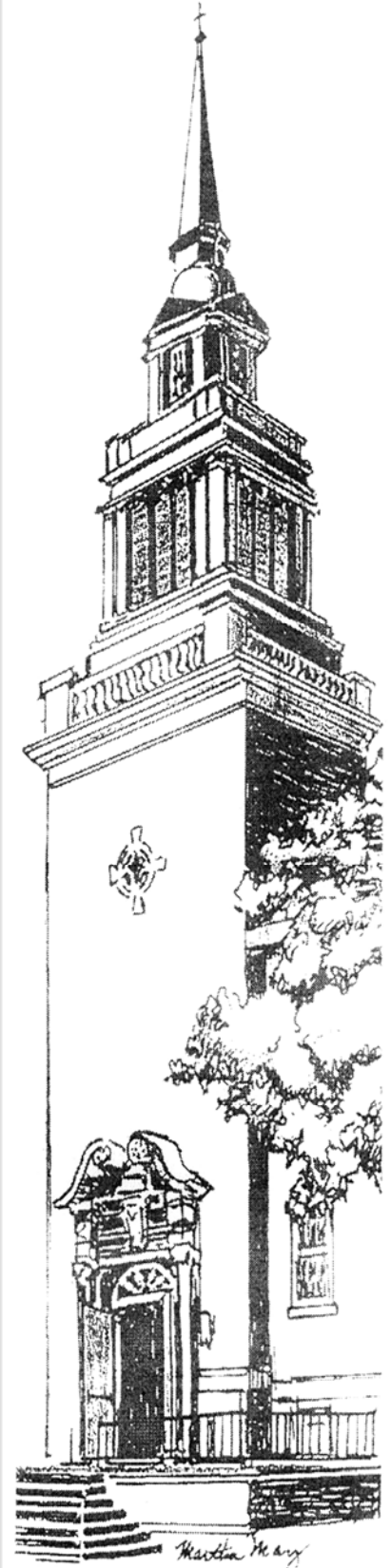
Memorable moments from the trip include:

- Grocery shopping and cooking with En Vivo team for ministry gatherings
- Worshipping with a local Spanish church
- Chatting with the Núcleo student leaders about their dreams and fears
- Planning and playing English language games at Café Inglés
- Picnicking for Lunes de Aguas, a holiday to celebrate the end of Lent
- Spending time learning sharing with the En Vivo missionary team
- Coffee and conversations with En Vivo alumni who work in Salamanca about their experiences as Protestant Christians in Spain
- Visiting an art gallery founded by Antonio (another En Vivo alum) to see a photography exhibit of refugee experiences in Greece.

These are just a few of my memories—please reach out to any of us if you'd like to hear more!

At the start of our visit, we received a devotional guide for the week based on Galatians 5:22-23, the fruit of the Spirit. Thought provoking questions included: What does it mean to you that God is joyful? How have you seen faithfulness in Spanish culture? How have you seen peace on this trip? In someone you've met this week? What does patience look like? Most mornings we gathered as a team for breakfast to recap the previous day and to reflect on one or a few of the fruit. By keeping this

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scripture in the back of my mind throughout the week, it quickly became clear that God was present with our team, at En Vivo, and in Spain.

In order to catch our flight home, we begrudgingly (wink wink) capped off the trip by spending a night in the capital. Madrid is a city which long served as the heartbeat for colonization and the Inquisition. And yet hanging from my favorite building, the old national post office, was a gigantic banner reading “Refugees Welcome.” I enjoyed walking along the tree-lined museum promenade for a trip to La Reina Sofia modern art museum. It’s free after 6pm! I was anxious to see the Piedad y terror en Picasso exhibit on the 90th anniversary of the bombing of civilians in the village of Guernica; an exhibit culminating in Picasso’s painting of that name and showcasing the artist’s engagement with paradox. How do piety and terror, beauty and grotesque coexist? How can God be in Madrid?

One of the most impactful aspects of this trip was learning from one another as a North Shore team. We were a microcosm of the North Shore community—a multicultural, multiethnic, and multigenerational team. This mission trip was not a typical service trip in the sense that it lacked manual labor to engage and divert our attentions. We found ourselves engaging not only the normal personality conflicts that occur when individuals are far from home, but also the messy conversations and quiet frustrations that come with a diverse community doing life together. I’m happy to say that these frictions were accompanied by doubled-over laughter, inquisitive questions, refreshing wonder, and love-joy-peace-patience-kindness-goodness-faithfulness-gentleness-self control.

En Vivo means Live, as in a live television broadcast or watching a soccer game in real time. A live faith, a real time God. A God who’s willing to abide in the messy complexities of our world. A God who exemplifies the fruit of the Spirit. God is peace. God is patient. God is kind. God is faithful. This is good, and I’m grateful to North Shore for sending our team to Salamanca and to be reminded of this truth. Thank you.

~ Cheryl Johnson, Team Leader

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## Bystander Intervention 101

At the beginning of May, two facilitators from the People’s Response Team came to North Shore to lead a workshop on how to intervene in public instances of oppressive, interpersonal violence, while considering everyone’s safety. We had about 15 people in attendance, including 5 members of the North Shore community and 10 members of the broader community. Using role-plays and group discussions, we explored the “4 D’s” of intervention:



**Direct Intervention:** Engaging either the victim or the aggressor. The facilitators recommend taking cues from the victim and imitating the form of resistance they have chosen.

**Distracting Intervention:** Creating a distraction to pull the aggressor’s attention away from the victim.

**Delegating Intervention:** Soliciting the attention and engagement of others present.

**Deferred Intervention:** Following up with a victim after an incident has occurred.

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## 111th Annual Meeting



On Annual Meeting Sunday, **May 21, 2017**, we tried things a bit differently this year: missionary commissioning and memorial moment in worship; meeting before eating; and keeping it short and sweet. By all accounts, it worked great! Many thanks to the committee chair, **Dawn Noldan**, and her whole team, **Molly & Scott Turner** and **Yanira Silva**, for their creative thinking, delicious cooking, and just-plain-hard-work to pull it off!

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# JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# Camp Grow Decision

At the annual meeting of the ABC-Metro Chicago on Saturday **May 20, 2017**, the Family Council voted to sell the property where Camp Grow is located in Markesan, Wisconsin. **Rudy Mayol** and **Pastor Kathryn** represented the church as delegates at this meeting, and **Pastor Rony** and **Pastor David** were also present. You can speak with any of them about the discussion and vote taken that day for additional details. While there are still many unanswered questions, a task force on camping and outdoor ministries for the region is being formed and Pastor Kathryn will be one of its members. Please keep this important work in your prayers!



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## Interim and Search Committee Update



**PASTORAL  
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

As we continue to put together our church profile, we have spent the past month soliciting feedback from various groups and individuals in the church. The Search Committee put out a survey at the Annual Meeting and facilitated conversations with Sunday School classes, with participants from preschool age through adulthood. We asked various questions, including “What are the strengths of the church?” “What are your expectations of the church?” “What qualities do you look for in a pastor?” We will also ask for information from community partners and members of our wider American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago family.

Through this listening process, we hope to get insight about who we are as a church right now and where we hope to go in the future. We will use this information to develop a profile to send to prospective pastoral candidates.

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## Renovation Task Force Update

The Renovation Task Force has had four meetings to discuss the process and funding of Phase II, which affects Howel Hall, the restrooms, the library, and the waiting room off Nambu Chapel. The group is comprised of members from all four congregations, with **Madison McClendon** as acting chairman and Pastor **Rony Reyes** as pastoral liaison. Other members are **Kate Whitmore**, **Randy Fleeer**, **Barb Lehman**, **Nelly Camacho**, **Eggee Linares**, **José Flores**, **Donna Barlow**, **Eh Kler**, **Ramon Mena**, **Kuwako Arai** and **Dawn Noldan**.

On **June 27th** we will meet again with representatives from Bailey Edward to discuss proposed minor changes as needs have changed since the Congregation approved the current drawings. The first concern is asbestos, for which Jose is arranging for testing and subsequent abatement. Then, we will proceed to looking at fundraising methods and the construction timeline. Finally, we are looking at the technology changes and needs in both Howel Hall and the Sanctuary, since the two systems will need to be compatible. We will do our best to keep everyone informed and excited about our progress.



**RENOVATION  
TASK FORCE**

# Fruit of the Lord Youth Group



We meet each Friday evening from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** All **6th through 12th** graders are welcome!

The youth of North Shore are wrapping up another full year of programming. On **May 26**, the youth group joined members of the Hispanic congregation to give Pastor Rony a surprise birthday celebration. We also joined other youth at the Broadway Armory for a night of volleyball, dancing, and snacks. We will be celebrating the end of the 2016-17 year on **June 9** with an all-night lock in

**Fruit of the Lord**  
**YOUTH**  
*News* ★

How to support the FotL youth ministry:

- ◆ Reach out to youth on Sunday morning! Get to know them and ask how they are doing.
- ◆ Remember our youth and youth ministry in your prayers.
- ◆ Accompany one of our special events. If interested, contact Pastor Kathryn at [kray@northshorebaptist.org](mailto:kray@northshorebaptist.org)

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## Scholarship Recipients 2017

**Yu Em Poe** received the Susan J. Kosmas Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 for tuition. He will be beginning his first year at Northeastern Illinois University, making him the first in his family to attend college. He hopes to become a teacher and return to Thailand to teach children in the refugee camps, while continuing to pursue his passion for soccer.

**Cameron Feiler** received the \$1,000 Hardy Family Memorial scholarship for tuition. Cameron is entering his first year at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL, where he plans to study marine biology. Cameron says some of his earliest memories come from Vacation Bible School at North Shore. He has also served as an usher, mission trip participant, and choir member, among other things.

**Rev. Rony Reyes** received the \$500 Stephen William Myers Scholarship for seminary education. Pastor Rony is pursuing a Ph. D from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. His work focuses on the intersection of ethnography and theology in testimonies of Latina Baptists in the Chicago area.

**Mu Doh** received a \$750 scholarship from the North Shore Baptist Church Coates Fund for tuition. She is in her junior year of study and Northeastern Illinois University, and balances full time studies with raising one of the newest additions to our church family, Adriana Eh Mu.

**Eh Kler** received a \$500 scholarship from the North Shore Baptist Church Coates Fund for tuition. He expects to graduate this fall from Northeastern Illinois University with a degree in Community Health, and hopes to ultimately return to Thailand to work with Karen children and youth.

**Jose Flores** received a \$500 scholarship from North Shore Baptist Church for tuition. He is working toward a B.A. in Economics from DePaul University. He plans to pursue further education in economics and teach in that field.

**Mia Palmejar-Takaki** received a \$1,000 scholarship from North Shore Baptist Church for tuition. She just finished her first year at the College of Wooster, where she studies psychology and neuroscience. She hopes to pursue a career helping others through talk therapy or drug treatments, and as she puts it, "combat the commercialized version of mental illness."

**Pyo E Sa** received a \$750 scholarship from North Shore Baptist Church for tuition. She is entering her junior year of the Business Management program at Northeastern Illinois University. She hopes to pursue a career in community-based entrepreneurship that empowers women and girls.



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"You must not lose faith in humanity.  
Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are  
dirty, the ocean does not become dirty." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

## End of Year Celebration



On **June 11**, at  
11:30 a.m. we will  
celebrate our gradu-  
ates and teachers.  
We will also see

what our Adventures in Learning  
classes have been up  
to this year. Join us  
for songs, celebration,  
and cake!



## Summer Mission Explorers



Instead of having Vacation Bible  
School this summer, we will  
host a program for our children  
(*through 6th grade*) from  
11:30am-12:30pm on the fol-  
lowing **SUNDAYS: July 30,**  
**August 11, August 18,** and  
**August 25.** Each week, we will

explore a different North Shore mission trip through  
pictures, games, and crafts. We will learn about Sala-  
manca in Spain, the Pine Ridge Reservation in South  
Dakota, and the peacemaking efforts of the Baptist  
Peace Fellowship in Toluca, Mexico.

If you are interested in participating in this  
program, please contact  
**Dawn Noldan, Yanira Silva, Jen Mihalek,**  
or **Pastor Kathryn.**