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Volunteer Highlight: Krista

After hearing about the Mexico Ministry in her Rooted group, Krista decided to get involved and went on a home-build trip. While there, she found renewed thankfulness for what she has here and more importantly, a new appreciation for missions.

"When I went to Mexico, it was nothing like what I grew up with in Orange County. My parents lived paycheck to paycheck and we didn't have much, but this trip gave me a new perspective. Even though the people I worked with didn't have much, they initimately knew and felt God's love."

Krista is now a leader in the Mexico Ministry and is sponsoring two children. "I find so much joy in helping others that I want to be even more involved with this ministry because of what it's given back to me."

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May 4 & 5

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Each weekend we gather to worship, hear a message from God's Word, and pray together. Excellent programming specifically designed for kids 0-5th grade, junior high and high school is available in our kids and youth buildings. We welcome kids of all abilities. Parents attending with children 0-5yrs are welcome to enjoy the service together in the foyer or family viewing room. We hope you'll stay and enjoy every moment of our 75 minute service. We believe God has something for you here today!



If you're in need of prayer, our prayer team is available at the **front of the** Worship Center after every service. To submit a prayer request online, email prayer@marinerschurch.org



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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; he saw it and was glad." The Jews replied, "You aren't fifty years old yet, and you've seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden and went out of the temple. [John 8:56-59]

As he was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," Jesus answered. "This came about so that God's works might be displayed in him. We must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." After he said these things he spit on the ground, made some mud from the saliva, and spread the mud on his eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means "Sent"). So he left, washed, and came back seeing. [John 9:1-7]

He answered, "Whether or not he's a sinner, I don't know. One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I can see!" [John 9:25]

Jesus heard that they had thrown the man out, and when he found him, he asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is he, Sir, that I may believe in him?" he asked. Jesus answered, "You have seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." "I believe, Lord!" he said, and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, in order that those who do not see will see and those who do see will become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things and asked him, "We aren't blind too, are we?" "If you were blind," Jesus told them, "you wouldn't have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." [John 9:35-41]

1) We see with new wonder.

...the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ... For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ. [2 Corinthians 4:4, 6]

The world will never starve for want of wonders; but only for want of wonder. [G.K. Chesterton]

2) We see with new perspective.

"...I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life." [John 8:12]

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it but because by it, I see everything else. [C.S. Lewis]