

Desert Streams Ministries

Taking Streams of Living Water to a Dry and Weary Land.

Update — September, 2025

Dear Friends and Family,

The river is flowing in the desert, and God is doing great things among us! His mercy never fails us.

Online Bible School

This summer has been a very busy time for us with the online Bible School. Although our students were not in classes over the summer, Anna and I worked hard on getting a new course recorded and ready to go, and I also made some important changes to our online software.

During the second week of July, Anna and I recorded our Covenants course together, alternating lessons. In this way, we each taught 12 lessons, for a total of 24 lessons in the course. Anna is a fabulous Bible teacher, and we were able to flow together very well. Students are enjoying the teaching sessions because of the variety. They don't have to listen to me for every lesson!



Anna teaching Covenants course.

the students use to do their essays and other assignments. Many of them began using ChatGPT to help them with their homework. This is not necessarily bad if used in a way which will actually help them to learn. With the new editor, they have access to several functions which help them improve their writing skills, form bibliographies, and help with formatting, all without allowing AI to do the work for them.

In mid-August, our students started the fall semester of classes. We had another good turnout for



David and Sara Lont

Anna and I together created the course notes, and she made most of the quizzes, reviews and exams. She is also a great content creator.

Over the summer, I also made some important changes to our online platform software. First, I added some AI functionality to analyze the students' profile images. Many of their pictures were taken from far away or were difficult to see clearly. With this new feature, the profile pictures are now checked by AI to be sure we can actually see the person's face clearly. This is nice, because now, we are able to clearly see all of our students.

The second improvement was with the edi-

enrollment! We are offering 12 different courses and our facilitators are working hard, connecting individually with their students to guide them through their learning experience.

Finally, last week, we had missionary Mark Simpson with us to record a course called “The Church’s Purpose in God’s Plan”. This material, written by Bill Scheidler, was brought to life through 24 sessions of Mark’s teaching, which we recorded in both video and audio. Mark did a great job of covering the material, but also bringing many of his own personal examples and testimonies into his sessions. We plan on offering this new course in February of next year.

Our Church



David with Mark Simpson

We are very thankful for our local church family. We have been enjoying getting to know some of the families that have started attending recently, sharing meals together. Every other week, we serve food after services and have meals together. The children enjoy playing in our church yard while the youth get together at tables to talk, and the adults meet and mingle with other families. We are using the Sundays on which meals aren’t served to invite certain families to have lunch with us, so we can get to know some of them on a more personal level.

I have been teaching each week from the Gospel of Mark, trying to get through a complete chapter each Sunday. It has been a challenge because there is so much great preaching material in each chapter! We have been hearing good reports about how these messages are impacting the lives of our congregation.

As you probably know, both Anna and Sara participate very much in our congregation. Anna is a regular Bible teacher and worship leader, and Sara often helps by directing our programs, meeting with different women, and supervising the organization of events. I am thankful for a family that loves to serve!

Family Time

Over the last two months, we also enjoyed some time with the family.

First, Daniel and Elisa came to visit us with their daughter, Ella. It was so nice to finally meet Ella! She is a sweet 10-month-old girl, and her parents are doing a wonderful job setting her routines and training her for life by creating a disciplined lifestyle. Sara especially enjoyed holding her and playing with her



Sara meets Ella

during our week together.

After they went back to Vancouver, WA, we headed to Michigan to spend some days with my parents in Grandville. We really enjoyed our time there away from the busyness of our normal routines. Although I still connected daily with our online students, taking care of any urgent situations, it was very good to spend the days with them. Sara and Anna enjoyed reading Amish books that my mom had there, a bit of shopping (Anna loves bookstores), and a visit to Indiana Amish country. I especially liked the ice cream!

Prayers and Thanks

We are thankful to each of you who pray for us and give financially to support us. Thank you for supporting our online Bible School, making it possible to have guests like Mark Simpson here to participate as teachers, and for helping us to create new courses, run the online platform and reach students from all across Mexico and other countries.



Church gathering with Mark Simpson

Please pray for the following needs:

- Wisdom and open doors for new accreditation options for the Advanced School of Ministry and our Online Bible School, Fundamentos Ministeriales.
- Preparations for the Advanced School of Ministry seminar. I will be working many hours on the preparations for this conference during the coming months.
- The Advanced School of Ministry conference in Tijuana October 15-17. I will be teaching several of the sessions there.
- For the establishment of the Kingdom of God through our local church in Tulancingo.

With love,

David and Sara Lont with Anna

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