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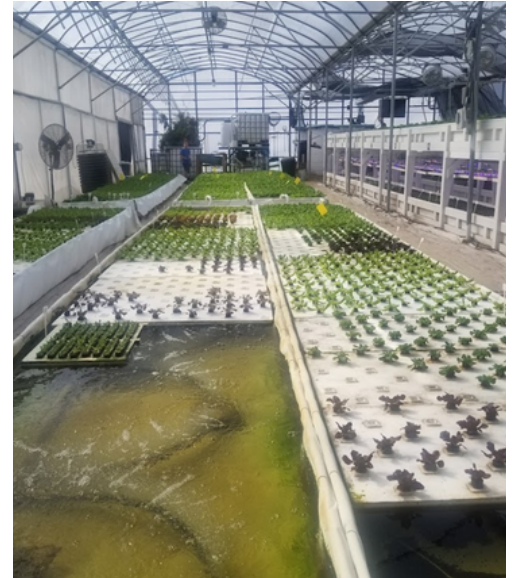
CATCH UP WITH KYLA

YWAM Emerge

Hello Friends and Family! I am so excited to share with you the last month of being in Colorado Springs with YWAM Emerge. It has been fun learning the ropes and getting settled in. I work in the greenhouse and take care of the fish as my duties. We have two systems in our greenhouse, one main system where we grow four different types of lettuce. Then we have a smaller system that we teach to others about how to replicate it and even take it overseas to other countries and show them how they can build one.

Currently, they have one in Kazakhstan, Lebanon, and have started one in South Africa. They have other projects on the books that they are looking to do in other 3rd world countries such as Cambodia and Costa Rica. We have training in September that actually

teaches about our OASYS system, which is our smaller and reproducible model, and we are having some people coming in from around the world to learn how to do this and take this course.



I will get to be a part of this class to learn more in-depth about how our system works and then hopefully even get to help build one in another place. But all in God's timing.



THE GREENHOUSE

In the greenhouse, our lettuce is currently on an 8-week cycle which means that from the time we seed to harvest it takes 8 weeks to have a beautiful head of lettuce. Every Tuesday and Friday, we have a harvest, and we are growing our business by selling to local restaurants around, and we go to farmers' markets and sell on the weekends. And, of course, we grow our own kitchen here on the base. We have volunteers come and help us every week, some have been very faithful and have been helping with harvest for years, and some are fresh and new faces that just want to learn more about what we do here at YWAM emerge. It's really wonderful to have people so curious and excited as we are to come and help us with this process and be able to share the love of God with them. It can be a lot of work. We have five different types of lettuce Butterhead, Red Oak, Red Romaine, Green Romaine, and Endive. We also have Bok Choy.



It's fascinating to watch the lettuce grow and see the different stages they go through. Seeing how growing food can affect people in our community and around the world is truly life-changing. We start by seeding the pods which are a combination of coconut fronds and dirt. We then put them in what we call the germination station, where it spends its first two weeks growing. From there, it goes into a high-density raft and into our main systems, where it sits continuously in water, and gets to grow for another two weeks.



THE GREENHOUSE - CONTINUED

Then it gets put into our low-density rafts, and the plants get more room to grow for the last four weeks. The water that is in the beds where the plants live comes from the fish tanks. From the fish tank, the water gets filtered into a couple of different tanks to get rid of some of the excess waste. The nutrients from the fish get transferred to the plants, and the plants then filter the water by taking the nutrients from the fish and then purifying the water that goes back to the fish. The whole process saves 90% more water than traditional farming. It really is a neat system. We do add some extra nutrients like calcium, phosphorus, and magnesium to help keep the plants healthy and thriving.

The people I am get to work with here are so amazing and so very knowledgeable. It is really sweet to be in a community like this where all are here because of their love for and obedience to God. It is family-based so lots of kids running around and helping with the harvest. It has been really refreshing to see these families work together for God.

A PRAYER REQUEST

I do have a prayer request. God is so faithful. I asked him to get my car to Colorado so I can be a part of this community and He did. Just long enough that it would not be too inconvenient when it broke down. So currently my car is sitting at a mechanic shop not working because the clutch is broken and the poor little Kia is undrivable. It seems like it is going to cost a lot more than expected. I do not have the funds to be able to fix it or get something a little more reliable. If you could pray for me it would be greatly appreciated. I will keep you posted on the miracle that God does for me with transportation.

God bless you,

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