

Hey Everyone!

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August has been a great month, but much slower and with a lot fewer people. It has been a wonderful time of just relaxing and spending time as staff building our relationships and getting ready for the DTS to come. It has also been a month of a lot of changes and transitions, but all for the better!



Staff Retreat: We started out this month with our annual staff retreat up to the mountains of Durango. Besides the terrible drive there and back, our 4 days up there were absolutely INCREDIBLE! We had a couple come to speak from a church in Washington that really has a heart for YWAM. Our time up there was seriously one of the most amazing times of my whole life! God did soooo much in my life and heart in this time! They taught us about the freedom God desires for us all to have and about how to be like the Acts church, filled with God's power and authority! They also prayed with each of us about who God's created us to

be and what some of the major things are in our lives that are keeping us from getting God's all for us. God spoke to me a lot about who he has made me to be and what's holding me back and how to overcome these things in my life! We also prayed a lot for Mazatlan and for God's will to be done in this city and in our base! Our heart is to be unified as a base and with the churches in this community, and through that, to be a light to this city. God has a lot in store for Mazatlan and we really feel like a huge breakthrough is coming if we will all just fight for it!

Kitchen Duty: The other big thing for me this month is that I am now the new official YWAM Mazatlan cook! About a week before our staff retreat, the directors asked me if I would take the position of cook and kitchen manager until the end of the year, and I said YES! Now, I must admit, that this scared me to death! As many of you know, I've never been a cook and I don't know much at all about cooking, but God has been sooooo faithful! I have learned so much, and I haven't made anything too disgusting yet!!! I had 2 days of training before our staff retreat, then our old cook left and I took over. This has taught me a lot about God's grace and strength! I know that I never could have made it this far without God's help and guidance. He has always brought me people to encourage or help me when I needed it, and I think He's even gifted me with a natural ability to cook! I have really enjoyed this so far, and know that I will continue to learn and grow in this as the students for our next DTS come in and I get to interact with them as well!

Prayer Requests

- for unity and breakthrough on the base and in Mazatlan
- for my ability to learn, speak, and understand Spanish to increase
- for our next DTS that started September 3rd

I love and miss you all! Please e-mail me about how you're all doing! The internet has been down a lot lately so I'm sorry if I haven't replied to you yet. I'll get there! Take care!

Love, Cassandra

