

Hey Everyone!!

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WOW! This past month has been filled with several different events—Centro de Vida's surf competition, Semana Santa, and a trip to Mexico City. Also, my mom got to come and visit me for a week! It has been a crazy month, but God has been so faithful through it all!

SURF COMP: We kicked March off with an annual surf competition/community outreach that my church, Centro de Vida, puts on. Surfers from all over Mexico came for this



weekend to participate in the country's largest surf competition! For our DTS, we took this opportunity to support a local church, practice our Spanish, and tell people about Jesus. The day before it started, some of us went to the beach to help set up and clean up the area. As I was picking up trash, a couple who was on vacation down here asked me what I was doing and what we were setting up for, and I had the chance to share with them all about the outreach, church, and our vision. It is so cool to see how God uses even little things, like picking up trash, to make Himself known.

SEMANA SANTA: This is the first year we have ever done any sort of ministry during Semana Santa, Mexico's spring break. People from all over Mexico come to Mazatlan for this week-long party—the beaches are packed, the clubs are overflowing, roads are closed to have more room to party, there is beer everywhere, and it is just plain craziness. During the day, we had a beach ministry where we played volleyball, picked up trash, and had one-on-one evangelism teams go out. At night, we had a café ministry downtown where we gave out free coffee and popcorn, as well as sending out evangelism teams. I partnered up with a girl from Mexico City for most of the week and we went out on the beaches and streets and shared about Jesus'



love, sacrifice, and gift. In all, we saw 11 people saved! My favorite story from this week is from our last day. God led us to this woman with 3 daughters—the oldest was 15 and severely handicapped, and the youngest was less than a year old. After sharing with her awhile, we prayed with her, she accepted Christ, and I invited her to come to my church on Sunday. Next, we talked to and prayed over her oldest daughter and it was the first time we saw her smile or respond in any way to us. Then, on Sunday, she came to church with all 3 of her daughters and really connected with some of the women there and said she'd really like to get involved! Praise the Lord!



MEXICO CITY: As a base, we ended March and started off April by taking a trip to Mexico City. Last Saturday, we packed up and headed out on a bus to the capital of Mexico and 2nd largest city in the world. YWAM Mazatlan has a goal of starting a base in Mexico City in the next 5 years, so this trip was to go, scout out the land, and get vision and strategy as to what God is saying to us. We partnered with a church there that we have a really strong

connection with, went to several key places in the city, had some powerful worship and intercession times, visited a new YWAM base 2 hours outside of the city, and learned as much as we could about the city's history, culture, and customs. God spoke to me so much this week about my role in this city, not only on our upcoming outreach, but in the future. I am seriously praying about being on the team that goes to start the base in Mexico City in the next few years.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- that as we leave for outreach in 2 weeks, everything would come into place, all of our teams' money would come in, and God would prepare us for all that He has in store for us in this time.
- that we could find a new property to rent or buy (we have until the first of August to move out, but want to be settled into a new place by this summer when all of our teams start coming in).
- for peace, patience, time management skills, and efficiency in these last 2 weeks before outreach as there is SOOOO much to do in preparing and leaving.

Thank you all so much for your support and prayers! None of this would be possible without you guys. I love and miss you all!

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