

Hey Everyone!

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Well, I'm writing you all from Mexico City this month! We headed out from Mazatlan on the 22nd and drove for 13 hours straight to get here.

GETTING READY: When we all got back from Mexico City at the beginning of the month, I began to really focus my time on preparing for outreach and training up another girl to take over my role in the kitchen. I'm so excited to be officially done with my time in the kitchen after nearly 9 months. I can now look back and see all of the valuable lessons I learned during this time about working with excellence and taking responsibility and ownership over the things I have to do. On the other hand with the outreach, I spent hours and hours on the phone and internet getting all of the details for the outreach worked out and talking with all of our contacts. After so much time planning everything and getting everything figured out, it feels so great to actually be here living out all of these plans.

OUTREACH: We have now been on outreach for a little over a week and I have loved every minute of it. For these first two weeks we are working with a church just outside of the city. We have been going into some middle schools to share about values, doing a lot of kids' ministry, going on prayer walks, and partnering with a few other churches. The favorite story so far is from when we went into one of the schools. We got to share with 3 different classrooms and I could tell that these kids were really listening to us and soaking up what we had to say. In the second class, we had time to split up into small groups at the end to talk with the students more intimately. I ended up in a group alone with three 15 year old girls-2 were already Christians, but the other wasn't. God really opened up the way for me to share with these girls more about my faith and experiences. By the end, the two Christian girls were even sharing things they knew with the other girl about God and she was sincerely listening. Then, I ended up seeing one of the girls a couple days later at a church we were working with-now that is God! But this isn't even the best part of the story. The third class that we shared with was a little older and it was their last class of the day. We went through our normal values drama and a few testimonies and we could tell that these kids were hungry for more. So, more and more of us just kept getting up to share new things, and one of the girls really felt from God to ask if we could do one of our salvation dramas. We asked the teacher and miraculously he said that we could do it even though it's not allowed to share about Jesus in the public schools here in Mexico. So, we did our drama, shared a little more about God afterwards, and saw kids' lives changed! It was absolutely amazing-and that's just one of the remarkable stories we have so far.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- that my outreach team would be even more unified, push into God more, and obey the things He's telling them to do
- for health for us all-we've already had a couple people get sick this week
- that as we leave the security of this church and move into the city, we would be safe and God would speak to us even more about the city and His heart for the people here.

I love you all so much and miss you! I hope to hear from you all about the things going on in your lives. Please let me know how I can be praying for you as well.

Dios los bendiga,

Cassandra

(Sorry that I don't have any pictures, but my camera is broken at the moment)