

Hey Everyone!

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This past month has been intense with staffing Verano de Fuego (a summer internship that we offer for high school students). I really loved all of the students that we had and seeing how God moved and worked in their lives. God is so good!!



### VERANO DE FUEGO (SUMMER OF FIRE)



Verano de Fuego is like a mini-DTS that we have each summer for a month. We have 2 weeks of classes, and then we have 2 weeks of outreach. This year we had 10 students- 3 Americans and 7 Mexicans (3 of which were from local churches here in Mazatlán). It was so amazing to get to see and be a part of these students experiencing God—some for the first time in their lives. Our class times were super intense as we had a different topic everyday, and then we went to Guadalajara for outreach. We went to an

orphanage and a prison, helped out with a homeless ministry, did a lot of street evangelism, cleaned a soup kitchen, and ran a 3-day VBS in a poor neighborhood. My favorite day was going to the ladies' prison. During a time of worship there, God really laid one specific lady on my heart, so I finally got up my courage and invited her to join us. To my surprise, she said yes right away and even knew several of the songs we were singing. Afterwards, I got to talk to her for a little while and then asked if I could pray for her. She ended up telling me her story of how she had some mental disorders and used to take a



lot of drugs because she thought they made her feel more normal. However, one day she was driving her daughter home while she was high and got in an accident and her daughter was killed. That's why she's in prison now. As she told me all of this she started crying and telling me how much she missed her daughter and how guilty she felt for what she had done. I, then, got to pray for her, encourage her to get right with God, and tell her a little about who God really is and how much He loves her. At the end, she told me that she really longed to have that kind of a relationship with God! To me, it was just amazing to see that God loved *her* so much that He would bring us together and give me the perfect words to love on her and lift her up. Overall, the school was totally awesome! All of the students did amazing, grew so much, and were such a blessing—we saw around 35 people saved—that's more than one a day! Praise the Lord!!!



### COMING HOME

Next month I am finally coming home for my vacation time!!! I will be in the States for 6 weeks in all, and really hope to be able to see as many of you as possible! I should be getting into MN around the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> of Sept. after visiting some friends and family in other states, and I'll be there until the 21<sup>st</sup> of Oct. Part of our base policy is that we get 4 weeks of pure vacation time and 2 weeks to work on support. My goal is to raise another \$200 of monthly support, especially as the value of the dollar has dropped so significantly in the past year. I miss you all SOOOOO much and can't wait to catch up on your lives. Thank you so much for all of your support, in prayer and financially, over the years—especially as God has led me to serve the people of Mazatlán. You are such a blessing for me! Gracias por todo (thanks for everything)!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- that we could finalize everything with buying our new property and get moved in soon
- for rest and refreshment after staffing different schools for 7 months
- for God to guide me in how to prepare for my time at home

Dios les bendiga,

Cassandra