

¡Hola Todos!

September 1, 2008

¿Cómo están? This month has been pretty slow, yet very different here. We are going through a transition phase as YWAM Mazatlán, but it has been so amazing to see God's faithfulness to us through it all.



CANADA TEAM: For 2 weeks this month I was working with a team of 33 people from Canada. We built 2 houses with our Homes of Hope ministry, worked with the Salvation Army here in Mazatlán, led a couple of church services in different local churches, and helped out at a rehabilitation center. It was really cool for me to get to work with Homes of Hope again after working in that ministry all last summer. A bunch of the little kids



from that neighborhood, the pastor, and his family all remembered me from last year. I couldn't believe how many things have changed since last year! The church has continued to grow, we've built several more houses, people are starting to get better jobs, and there is so much more hope in the people there. My favorite part of their whole time here was giving the house that I helped work on away. I got to know the lady we were building the house for pretty well over the time we were there. She and her granddaughter were there most of the time, so I hung out and talked with them a lot. She is such a lady of

faith and gratefulness and I felt so blessed by her each day. When we gave her the keys to her first house ever, she told us that we had just fulfilled her lifelong dream! It was also fun to get to hang out with the team and get to know them better. There were several teenage girls that I really connected with and had the opportunity to share my testimony with and love on. I love working with teams and getting to know people from different parts of the world.



BASE TRANSITION: On August 15th we moved out of our old base property because our contract ran out, but we still haven't been able to move into the new property that we're going to buy. Right now, all of the staff are divided up between the different families with houses from the base. We're still waiting to get some details worked out with the owner of the hotel; he keeps changing his mind about things or his lawyer wants to do things differently. However, through this whole, long process, God has really been showing us His faithfulness and been testing our ability and willingness to trust him.

COMING HOME: This month I am coming home for 6 weeks to spend some quality time with my family and friends, and to work on my finances. I'll get into MN on the 16th and am so excited to see many of you again. I am planning to have an open house on Sept. 27th from 1-5pm at my house. I would love it if you could come so we could catch up. One of my main focuses as I come home, however, is raising an additional \$200 in monthly support. I will be working on obtaining new supporters and meeting with as many of my current supporters as possible. As the dollar has dropped significantly and I didn't quite reach my previous goal, I need to invest much of my time in this area. If you would like to get together with me while I'm home, please call me at (763)506-0427. Thank you for everything and I hope to see you while I'm home!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- for breakthrough in buying our new property
- that I would be able to raise the finances that I'm lacking
- for quality face-to-face time with my family and friends back in the States

I love you and can't wait to see you!

Dios les bendiga,
Cassandra