

¡Hola Todos!

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Well, I'm back in Mazatlán now but things definitely have not slowed down. This month we finished up our outreach in Haiti and the Dominican Republic and then jumped right into things with Carnaval. So it has been a bit of a crazy month, but totally awesome as well.

ENDING OUTREACH: God blessed us sooooo much in the end of our outreach! We spent our last few days in Haiti staying in a really nice missionary guest house. We met an American couple at church that runs a couple orphanages, and they invited us to stay in their guest house because it was empty at the time. So we moved over there for our last 2 days and we were really encouraged and blessed by that family. Then we headed over to the Dominican Republic (DR) for 6 days and once again saw God do amazing things in and through us. It was so nice to be able to speak Spanish



again and communicate with the people. I absolutely loved the DR!!!! It is so beautiful and the people are very hospitable and open to the gospel. We helped out at a local YWAM base, an orphanage, a couple churches, and did a few street programs. To be honest, our time in the DR was my favorite part of the whole outreach! God really blessed and refreshed me and I met some amazing people who encouraged me a lot!

CARNAVAL: When we got back from outreach we had a few days off and then we jumped right into Carnaval preparation. For those of you who don't know, every year we do a huge evangelism outreach in Mazatlán during Carnaval (similar to Mardi Gras)

where we put on a free café, beauty salon, and skate competition, as well as send many street evangelism teams around the city to do one-on-one evangelism. This year I felt God leading me to work with our beauty salon. It was so great to just be able to sit down and talk with people while they were getting their hair cut or straightened, or getting a manicure, or waiting in the waiting room. One of my favorite stories from this year was when one of our manicure girls started feeling sick so she asked me to take her place. I had never given a manicure before and it was actually a lot harder than I expected—it was difficult for me to try to talk and do the manicure at the same time. So I mostly stayed silent and let the girl next to me share her testimony. When I was



pretty much done I asked the girl what she thought about everything she heard and she really opened up. After talking for awhile about what I believe and why, I asked her if she wanted to ask Jesus into her heart and she said YES!!!! It was absolutely amazing to be able to lead her to Christ and see the joy in her eyes after praying together. I gave her a Bible and wrote her an encouraging note in the front and talked to her about the importance of getting involved in a church where she lives. That is just one of many incredible stories of what God

did over Carnaval. This year we saw more than 2,200 salvations!!!! That is almost twice as many as we usually see! GOD IS SOOO GOOD!!!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- to be able to get back into the swing of things after Carnaval
- that all the people that got saved during Carnaval would get connected in a church
- for clarity and direction as to what jobs I should do this year

So now we are all just starting to get back to our normal jobs. I'm going to be working with a few short term teams for now and then we'll just see what God has in store for me. I would seriously love to hear from you and know how you are doing! I hope you're all doing great! I love and miss you and hope to hear from you!

Dios les bendiga,
Cassandra