

¡Hola Todos!

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This past month has mostly been filled with working with Homes of Hope. It has actually been one of the harder, more tiring months of the year, but we have accomplished SOOOO much despite the ever-intensifying heat. It has been cool to think back on the past couple of years and all of the builds I've been a part of and to see how much the ministry has grown and flourished and improved. God is good!



**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Every year a Christian charitable foundation from California sends a team down here to build some houses with us, but this year we gave them an extra challenge to pray about. The community that we have been working in the most was in desperate need of a new facility because they had just outgrown their old church, so... we asked this team to pray about building a couple less houses and, instead, building a church/community center... and they said YES!!!! So in the beginning of this month we built and furnished 2 houses plus a church/community center. At the end of the week, the whole community came together for the dedication and it was probably my favorite moment in my whole Homes of Hope career. The kids from the church prepared and sang us some beautiful songs with little motions and lots of laughter, the women all cooked and we had a potluck of amazing Mexican food, and the pastors, Edgar (the leader of

Homes of Hope), and several other people spoke. My favorite part was when Edgar talked about how he grew up just like many of those little boys there are growing up and how much God has used Him to impact people all over the world, so we can never downsize the impact that we are having on those kids' lives. It was awesome and the team was incredible and God was really moving that week!

**MISSION ADVENTURES:** Then, like a week later, we received another team of about 50 ninth-graders from a Christian school in Canada. We partnered with a couple from the YWAM base in Ensenada to do a more in-depth program that they run there, Mission Adventures. So, on top of the actual building of the 3 houses, we had devotions every morning and sessions every night to talk about things like: hearing the voice of God, missions, the power of prayer, and walking in your authority as a child of the King. It was an intense week of very full days, but I loved getting to know the youth more, being able to encourage them to grow in their faith, and seeing them become more serious about their relationship with God.



**DTS GRADUATION:** Sometime in between all of that, our January DTS students came back from their outreaches to Brazil, China, and Mexico City, and graduated. They were only here for about 10 days, but it was amazing to see how much they had changed, hear their stories from their outreaches, and learn about their plans for the future.



#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- for all of the students that are coming to do our month-long internship, that they would raise all of their money
- for their lecture and outreach phases (we're going to Mexico City!) and be ready and open to whatever God has in store for them this month
- for continued rest and refreshment as I step into another intense, busy month
- for wisdom and understanding as I disciple these young Mexican girls that will come

Thank you all so much for everything and please let me know how you are all doing. I truly love hearing from you and getting to know what you have been up to! I couldn't do any of this without you guys

Dios les bendiga,  
Cassandra

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