

¡Hola Todos!

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¿Cómo están? I'm writing you from Minnesota this month! I've been in the States for about 2 ½ weeks so far and it has been so great!!

ALFREDO: In the beginning of this month, a man, Alfredo, from one of the local churches in Mazatlán, was involved in a serious accident and died. He was well known in the city and in several churches, and through his death God started something new. He brought several key churches together that have had problems in the past with each other. I heard that there were more than 5 different churches represented at his wake; the pastor from another church gave the message at his funeral; over 1000 people came through the church in those two days. Now I don't know if any of that sounds extraordinary to you, but those are all HUGE breakthroughs for the body of Christ in Mazatlán. And this movement, or whatever you want to call it, didn't end there. His pastor, after his death, decided to bring the church into a 40 day period of fasting and interceding for Mazatlán and Mexico. I wish that I could be there to see more of what God is doing through this man's death, but I know that incredible things are happening and changing.

STAFF RETREAT and FINANCE SEMINAR: The base started off this month

with our annual staff retreat. For the weekend, I helped co-lead our worship times and translate. We had a lady from Costa Rica come to speak to all of our staff about Intimacy with Christ and it was an awesome four days!! God was really speaking to me, both in my personal quiet times and through the speaker, about stepping out in leading worship (especially in Spanish) and about going a step deeper in my relationship with Him. Overall, it was a really refreshing weekend and we were all very blessed! Right after we got back from that, we had the base director of YWAM El Paso/Juarez come and speak to us about finances. We looked at budgets and how to manage our money and a lot of practical stuff. But my favorite part was when we looked at the Bible and looked up different passages about money. It amazed me to see deeper into God's perspective on money and how to look at it, have it and spend it.



COMING HOME: It has been SOOO great to be in the States for the last couple of weeks. I first spent a week with my best friend in LA which was so much fun! She's getting married next year so we went wedding dress shopping and talked about wedding plans, and I was so glad that I got to

spend that time with her. Then I met my mom in Kentucky and spent the weekend with relatives before driving home to Minnesota! It has been really great to be at home and to spend time with my family and see some of my friends. God is SOOO good!



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- for the fall DTS that started this past week in Mazatlán, for God to move in all of their lives so they can go deeper in their relationships with God.
- for the movement that was started by Alfredo's death to continue and grow and spread.
- for me to be able to get everything out of this time at home that I can.

I hope to see many more of you in the next couple of weeks I have here. Thank you all for everything!

Dios les bendiga, *Rcv'd in*
Cassandra *Sept. \$_____*

P.S. We did raise all of the money we needed for our building payment last month!

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