

Hey Everyone! December 6, 2009

How are you? This month has been really great, getting back into the flow of things and starting new things. It's incredible how many things can change in just 6 weeks, but it's all been great!



ACTS MINISTRY

One of the coolest things that I've been able to get involved in this month is our new ACTS (A Call To Serve) ministry. This is a mercy ministry focused on serving. So each week we meet, discuss different options and opportunities, and decide what we should do. One time, we got up at 5am and went to a fruit market asking for their rotten fruit and vegetables. Then we brought it all to the church in the neighborhood we build our Homes of Hope in. They are starting a neighborhood garden to be able to grow their own produce, but need to make compost to fertilize the soil. So we helped them out that way. Another time, we made and wrapped breakfast plates, printed off the story of the Prodigal Son, and went to different places in the city and handed them out to homeless people. My group went downtown and had some amazing conversations. We met this guy who shines shoes and called over a bunch of the homeless men that he knew. Many of them couldn't read, so we read them the story and talked to them about how it shows God's heart for them. Each time, the shoe shiner listened in and, at the end, he asked if he too could have one of the sheets

with the story on it. He read it for himself and at the end told us that that was his story! He then went on to tell us his testimony of how he left home and crossed into the States illegally, but got sent back after he got into a bad accident, and how his family took him back in and cared for him and showed him who Jesus was. It was so amazing and he was so excited that we were there to show other people the same love that he had been shown. One of the other guys was so touched that he said that he was going to copy the story and hand it out to all of his friends!!!!



WORK ON THE BASE

Right now on base I am doing a lot of different things. I have been translating some weeks for the DTS and the Basic Leadership School (BLS) - up to 8 hours a day. I really enjoy doing this because I get to be a part of the schools and hear great teaching! I am also the assistant for one of our leaders, Greg. He is in charge of the base's secondary schools - the BLS and the WISE school (school of Worship, Intercession, Spiritual Warfare, and Evangelism), and our corporate worship times. So I have been helping him get more organized by emailing prospective students, making worship teams, organizing practice times and all of

our worship equipment and sheet music, and helping him to get done all that he needs to do. It has been such a blessing to be able to work with him and serve him and his wife in this way.

STOLEN LAPTOP

As many of you have probably heard, my laptop got stolen recently. We've been doing a lot of work on our base and had many construction workers in and out. So one day our contractor brought in a couple of new guys, but during our lunch hour they disappeared, and so did my laptop, along with another girl's laptop and about \$170. We called the police and made a report, but neither the guys nor the laptops were found. However, both of us had insurance that will cover a great portion of the costs, and the contractor has agreed to pay for the rest. WHAT AN ANSWER TO PRAYER!!!! It still has been hard and kind of frustrating because I had a lot of work on my laptop and worked on it most of the time, so I've had to borrow other people's laptops or hope one of our base computers is free. But, God has shown Himself SOOO faithful through this whole situation!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- for more students, especially guys, for the January DTS
- for all of the money for this DTS team's outreaches to come in this week
- for everything to work out to get a new laptop down here soon

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support! I'd love to hear from you!

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