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Hey everyone! How are you? This past month has been full of blessings and changes, goodbyes and hellos, hard times and good times, and tons of unforgettable memories!



LAST WEEK IN HAITI

It's crazy to think that a month ago I was still in Haiti, finishing up our outreach there. For our last week in Haiti, we had the opportunity to help build a bridge onto YWAM Port-au-Prince's new property! The day we arrived in Haiti, the mayor of Port-au-Prince gave the base a 12 acre property!!! So, we got to be a part of praying over and blessing the land, and building a bridge as the entranceway onto the property. It was a lot of hard, physical work, carrying buckets full of concrete about a block from where they made the concrete to where they were building the bridge, but we're strong girls and loved being able to be a part of the whole process. We also got to walk around the neighborhood to pray for people and tell them about YWAM and their plans to build up the property and start new ministries in the area. One of the most amazing things about being in Haiti and working with the YWAM base in this season was being a part of the pioneering stage of the ministry. With the earthquake and destruction and all the need, there were so many ideas flying around all the time and so much vision for different things, and we got to be a part of making some of those things happen. Haiti still has a long journey ahead of itself to be rebuilt as a nation and I hope that I get to go back one day to help. The Haitian people are strong and determined and so resilient, and even though I went there to be a



blessing, I really am the one who was blessed.

OUTREACH & DTS DEBRIEF

It was harder than I expected to say goodbye and leave Haiti and all of the amazing people we had the opportunity to meet there, especially because Christie and Abel (2 of our team members) decided to stay, but it was pretty exciting knowing that we were going to get to spend a few days in the Dominican Republic (DR) before going back to Mazatlan. We debriefed outreach in the base in Santo Domingo (the same base I went to in my previous trip to Haiti and the DR). We had some time to relax and spend time with God after going-going-going in Haiti, as well as do some fun things. We got to talk about different things that happened in Haiti and get ready to go back to Mazatlan. And then after a few days there, we headed back to Mexico! We only had 5 days in Mazatlan before the school ended, so we stayed busy painting the base, sharing stories with everyone about outreach, debriefing the entire DTS, and preparing the students to go back home. It was a good time of celebrating each person's triumphs and learning how we could do things better in the future.

LEAVING YWAM MAZATLAN

After the DTS ended and all of the students went back home, I only had



two weeks left in Mazatlan. I worked with a team of 50 people from Washington the first week putting on a citywide soccer camp/VBS. Then my second and last week was full of packing, meetings, and goodbyes. It's crazy to think that I have ended a huge chapter of my life in YWAM Mazatlan. Looking back I can see how much I've learned, grown, and changed. I am such a different person now than I was 4 years ago when I went to do my DTS, and I am so grateful to God for how faithful He has been to me in this time and how He's never given up on me. And now I'm excited to step into this new season to see what He's got in store for me.



NEXT STEPS

You're probably all wondering what's coming up next now....so for those of you who don't know, I'm back home in Minnesota for the summer and then in September I'll be heading down to Mexico City! The first couple of months I'm going to be working with MegaCities (an international YWAM ministry focused on starting revival in big cities around the world--this year in Mexico City). Then I'll be working with a local church just outside the city for a year (more details to come).

PRAYER REQUESTS

- for peace in closing this chapter of my life in YWAM Mazatlan
- for a great time back home catching up with everyone here and getting ready for moving to Mexico City
- for opportunities to be a blessing here, share Christ with others, and share about my experiences in Mexico and Haiti

Thank you all so much for everything! I hope to get to see many of you while I am home this year!

God bless,
Cassandra

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