

Hey Everyone!

January 9, 2011

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!! This past month has been one of adjusting and finding my place, and of course, celebrating the holidays!

GETTING SETTLED

I've been here working with the church for almost 2 months now and I'm finally really starting to feel at home. A few days before Christmas I got to move upstairs into my own room, so now I have my own space and my own room (for the first time in 4 years)! I have loved hanging out with the youth from the church and getting to know them better. On Sundays I'm now helping out in the Jr. High group and I've even started teaching one of the Sunday School classes each week! At the beginning of the month the church had a special lunch after church where all the different groups shared something, and it was really fun to get to dance with the Jr. Highers and be in the women's group's drama and see everyone else's presentations! I'm now looking for more ways to really connect and disciple the youth and people that God has placed in my life since coming here. I want to be intentional with the things I do and not just take every opportunity that I see in front of me. There are a few different people that God has really given me the opportunity to connect and share with and I want to go deeper.

PRAYER DAY FOR IZCALLI

This month we also had a prayer day for Mexico and our region of the city, Izcalli, with about 10 different churches and pastors. We met in front of our city hall and each pastor prayed for a different area. This year has been a year of a lot of



violence in Mexico and we wanted to finish up the year by asking God to protect us and use us to make a difference.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

This year the holidays were a bit different and harder for me since I wasn't at home or in YWAM, but I still had a great time! Mexicans celebrate Christmas on Christmas Eve and it's all about family! I spent the day baking cookies and cooking turkey with a good friend who just happens to be the pastor's daughter-in-law, so we played Christmas music and hung out all day, then we went over to the pastor's house for dinner and present opening! We ate turkey (which I must say turned out really delicious ☺) and Mexican pozole and then had a gift exchange at midnight (another Mexican tradition--gift opening at midnight)! My New Years was a bit more eventful! After our church prayer meeting, I went over to a friend's house to celebrate with her family, but when we arrived we saw that the field across from their house was on

fire! So as we tried to call the firemen and waited for them, we "played" firefighters ourselves to keep the fire away from the house. We ran around trying to fill up buckets with water or dirt to dump on the fire. By the time the firemen did arrive we were all wet and covered in dirt, but we were all laughing and having fun since no one got hurt. Then we had some more turkey and shared jokes and just hung out! So even though I missed my friends and family a bit more during the holidays this year, I did have a good time with my new friends here!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- to connect on a deeper level with the youth and people God has placed around me
- for Alejandro, a guy from the church who just left to do his DTS in Mazatlan
- for direction, vision and confirmation for opening an English class

Thank you all so much for everything! I'm excited for this new year in a new place and a new season in my life. God has been so faithful to me over this past year and I'm so thankful for the places He has brought me, for keeping me safe and for leading me. This past year has been a time of finishing what I started in Mazatlan, in YWAM, and beginning a new chapter of my life and I'm excited to see what God has in store for me here.

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Prayer Day



Women's Drama