



Hey Everyone! February 7, 2011

How are you all doing? I can't believe it's been another month already! This new year has been full of new beginnings and new vision, goals and lessons.

### LIFE IN IZCALLI

With this new year I feel like I've finally settled in and figured things out more and am no longer the "new foreign girl" at church. I joined the worship team at the beginning of the year and that has been such a blessing. I've always loved singing and playing the piano and it's something that I was missing before I joined, so it's been great and another way to connect with the youth and people from the church. The youth small group leader also left for a few weeks with her job this last month, so I had the opportunity to lead the small group and share with some of the youth more of my heart and desire for them and a bit of what I've learned over the years. I'm seeing more and more each day how much I love youth and the gift and calling that God has given me to work with them. January 6th was my 23rd birthday and it's also a holiday here, Día de los Reyes (King's Day), so it was really fun to get to celebrate with all of the youth from the church! We went bowling and ice skating and went out for tacos for dinner! It was a lot of fun and I felt really loved and special!!!!

### 300

Each Saturday we have an evangelism ministry called 300, because the vision of

the ministry is to gather 300 youth from different churches in Izcalli together to do evangelism in different communities in Izcalli. We're far from having 300 youth, but through the ministry I've been able to get to know youth from other churches and see the youth from my church really step out in evangelism. The youth from my church here, as part of 300, all have learned different kinds of juggling acts, so these last few weeks I've been practicing and trying to learn a bit too and it's been fun but definitely harder than I expected.

### YWAM NEW YORK

This past month there was also an outreach team from the YWAM base in New York working here in Izcalli. Each week they focused on working with a different church, and one of those weeks they worked with my church here! It was really fun to be on the other side of things, to be the one to lead the team around and help them understand what to do and where things are, but it was such a blessing! We did ministry outside of a nearby middle school several days that week and made a lot of friends. Even though we only went a few days, I really connected with a few of the older kids and even invited them to come to church with me. The first day, God laid it on my heart to talk to a couple girls waiting for their younger siblings to get out of class and I was amazed at how they both opened up about what was going on in their lives and how they saw their need for a Savior. I'm hoping



that even now that the team has left that I can continue to go to the school sometimes to continue those friendships we started and to keep encouraging those kids to come to church and learn more about God. We also got to go into a university, where a few of the youth attend and where the pastor's daughter teaches, to teach about values. After our "talks" on values, we broke up into smaller groups to answer questions and get to know the students better and God really opened up the door for us to talk more about God and what He's done in our lives. Many of the students were really touched and had a lot of questions about God and even let us pray for them!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- for deeper relationships and more friends my age
- to continue to grow in my Spanish skills and not get tired of hearing and speaking it
- for wisdom in what things to take on and how to balance my time

Thank you all for your love and support! I miss you all!

Dios les bendiga,  
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