



July 7, 2011

Hey Everyone,

How are you all doing?

## PROJECT MAZATLÁN

This past month I have been almost solely focused on Project Mazatlán and raising finances. At the beginning of the month we came up against a huge problem with our bus tickets. It turns out that when I had initially investigated the prices, the bus line had told me that we could go on student vacation prices (which is half off) so that's the cost I had used in making my budget. Then, a few weeks ago when I looked more into it, they told me that actually they'd moved back the dates for their vacation prices and we wouldn't qualify for the discount anymore. So, the price went up \$50 for each person. At first when I shared this with my youth, they freaked out a bit and started talking about how they didn't know what to do and how maybe we should cancel the trip, and all these different things; but, I really prayed before sharing with them and took their fears and doubts and turned it into a challenge for them. God spoke to me through the story of David and Goliath about how David

had complete faith that God would back him up, but also fought hard and prepared himself for the battle. So I think that that event really helped wake up many of them to see their lack of faith and even lack of courage to fight. In the end,

many of them came up with all new ideas of things they could do outside of the church to raise money and I saw them step up and fight for the money. Exactly a week before we left I got to share with my youth the incredible news that we'd raised ALL of the money we needed to go!!!! I think this whole process has showed many of them that God really does provide for them. Then on June 29th we headed out of Mexico City toward Mazatlan--all 12 of us!!!!

## NEW SEMESTER

This past month we started our new semester of classes at church. So now I have a new group of Sunday school students and a new class topic. This semester I'm teaching about Evangelism and Proclamation and all of my students are actually kids in my youth group. It's been fun to be able to add in stories of my own and add my own twist to the curriculum using my experiences in YWAM and outreaches. Also, this month I took over the adolescents group at church. I have been helping out with this group since I came to work with the church but always as a support to the couple that was leading. This semester they took on a new group and left me in charge. I really have a

huge passion for this age group (11-14 yr. olds) and feel like I've been able to really connect with the kids more now that I'm teaching and can change things up.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- for all the youth that came to Mazatlán to go back to Mexico City changed and on fire and to be able to apply the things they learned here in their everyday lives
- for strength and wisdom as I take over the adolescents group to know how to best connect with each student and make Christianity applicable to their lives

Thank you all so much for all of your love and support-- especially for those of you who supported my youth in coming on Project Mazatlán and those of you who have been praying for us and for this trip. I love and appreciate you all tons!

Dios les bendiga, Rcv'd June \$\_\_\_\_\_

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