

Hey everyone! Nov. 13, 2011
How are you all? I'm gonna try and keep this update short, but I promise to make it up to you next month ☺

MY LAST MONTH

My last month in Mexico City has been really good in a lot of ways, but full of obstacles as well. I actually got robbed a couple weeks ago-- my computer got stolen, so I won't have any pictures for you this month. I also have been practically fighting with immigration trying to get my visa or least figure out how to leave the country without problems. I'm so thankful that the day before I left, I finally got things figured out enough to be able to leave legally. On a good note, apart from all the hard things that came up this past month, it has been one of the best and most rewarding times of my past year in Izcalli working with the church. I have really been blessed to see a glimpse of the impact I've been able to have on my youth over the past year. On my last day, they surprised me by inviting me out for tacos and going around the circle to encourage and bless me. At the end one of the youth, Kaboz, sang me a song called "Amigos" (Friends) by my favorite Latino artist and pretty much everyone started crying. At the end of the night, we all sang one of our favorite worship songs together and I couldn't help but think how blessed I have been to have had this year to be a part of each of their lives, to encourage them when they've gone through hard times, to laugh with them as they enjoy life, to give them advice when they didn't know what to do, to teach them a little bit of the things I've learned in my life, to push them to go farther than they've ever gone before (all the way to Mazatlan),

and just to be there with them through so many different stages of life. I really am going to miss my church down in Mexico City, but the most beautiful thing is that I know that this is not the end. Just as I had gone there on outreaches many times before, I hope to continue to visit and be a part of each of their lives, even if it's from afar. Thank you Lord for giving me this season and allowing me to be a part of so many people's lives.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

So I'm in the States now!!! I will be back in Minnesota on Nov. 20th. Please let me know if you want to hang out and we can figure out a time that works for both of us! I really look forward to catching up with many of you and getting to hear a bit of what has been going on in your lives over the past year and a few months that I have been away!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- for finances - I'm looking to raise another \$150 of monthly support as I have lost a few supporters and will be needing some extra finances to move back down to Mazatlan
- for really good, refreshing times with my friends and family while I'm in the States
- for wisdom as I make some important decisions and get ready for this next season of my life

Thank you all for your love and support and let me know when you're free to hang out (maybe go out for a Caribou coffee) ☺

Bendiciones, Rcv'd Oct. \$_____

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