



First visit to Caribou Coffee with Mom

Hey Everyone! Jan. 4, 2012

Happy New Year!!!! I can't believe it's already 2012- this past year went by so quickly, but it really was a great year!

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

After leaving Mexico City in the beginning of November, I spent about 6 weeks in the States. It was really nice getting to see friends and family after being away for over a year! I got to Minnesota a few days before Thanksgiving and left 12 hours later for Kentucky to spend a week with my aunt and uncle there; my

grandparents also came up for Thanksgiving from Kansas! Then I spent about a month in Minnesota visiting supporters, friends, churches, and spending time with my family! It's always nice to be home and have some time to catch up with people and relax a little. This year was a bit different since my parents are in between houses. We were staying with friends and it actually was really nice - thanks Lynn and Brad! It's kind of sad to know that next year when I come home it will be to a new house, but home is where your heart is, right?!?!? I just want to thank all of you that I got to see and catch up with- I'm always so blessed when I come home and get to see all of you- you really are a blessing to me! I stayed in Minnesota until the day after Christmas - it was nice to spend Christmas with my family for the first time in 6 years! Then my mom and I got to go over to Colorado and spend time with more family! It really was some great vacation time!

COMING BACK TO MAZATLAN

As of December 29th, I am now officially a YWAMer again here in Mazatlan, Mexico! It is so nice to be back here and start reconnecting with the base and the people here. A lot has changed in the last 1 ½ years

since I left, so it has been a bit of an adjustment, but I'm mostly just excited to be here. I'm leading the January DTS this year and it starts on the 9th, so I've been super busy getting everything ready for that since I arrived. One of my friends from Mexico City also came to spend New Years here with me, so it's been nice to catch up with her and hear how things have been since I left. With as excited as I am to be back, I do really miss my youth and everyone that I left in Mexico City!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- * to be able to get everything ready in the next few days before the DTS starts
- * to reconnect with the base and the people here and make new friends as many of my friends from before are no longer here
- * for wisdom in managing my time well and balancing my life between the DTS, friends, church, and having times to myself

Thank you all for your prayers and support!

Happy New Year!

Dios les bendiga,

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Thanksgiving in Kentucky – Me, Mom, Uncle Roy, Aunt Nona



At Uncle Dwayne's cabin in Alma, Colorado – My cousins Sophia, Georgia, Miranda, Aunt Jackie, Mom & Me