



February 10, 2013

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Welcome to February! I'm sorry that it's been so long since I've written...things have been so crazy with getting ready for the DTS and then it starting, that I don't know where the time has gone!

December

In the beginning of December, I moved off base with another girl, Laura, who is also on staff here with YWAM. I love having my own apartment and it's been really awesome getting to spend more time with Laura and growing together as friends! Also, in the middle of the December I got to take a quick long-weekend trip to Mexico City to be in a wedding. One of the other youth workers I worked with at the church in Mexico City got married! CONGRATULATIONS MARIBEL! It was really great to be able to see many of my friends and the youth I worked with while I was living there!

Christmas

Christmas was really nice as well! We made ginger bread houses, went to the "Christmas village" the city set up, did some gift exchanges and made a lot of really yummy food and desserts!!

DTS

On January 7th, the DTS that I'm leading began! This year I have 14 students and 2 other wonderful staff working with me! This group of students is quite different than our norm, but they have proved to be an amazing group! There are 3 locals, a lady, Mari, from the community we're currently working in with Homes of Hope (we're hoping to train her up to begin a Bible study in her house), and the couple who are the pastors we were working with for years prior with Homes of Hope, Chuy and Tere! There's also a couple from Florida, John and Shannon, who have 2 young boys. From there we have 2 other Americans, a Canadian girl, 2

Australian guys, a 16 year old girl from Colombia, and 3 Mexican girls! This group is so on fire for God and really desiring to grow and learn and get everything out of this season possible! I'm so thankful for the students and staff that God has given me this year!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- * We're currently in the middle of our Carnival ministry, so please pray for salvation and fruitful ministry and open hearts in the people
- * For God to bond us together more as a DTS family (with all the families and different ages and backgrounds, it's been a little bit harder)
- * For each student to really continue to grow and open up and get the freedom and healing that they need

Thank you all so much for all of your prayers and support! I'd love to hear how your Christmas and New Year went and what 2013 is bringing your way!

Blessings, Cassandra

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Maribel's wedding



Moving Day