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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I can't believe 2014 has already begun!! This new year holds many new and exciting adventures...but let's start with sharing the adventures I've been on in the past 2 months!

### OUTREACH

The rest of our time in the Philippines was absolutely amazing!! We went south to Davao City right before the typhoon hit. We worked with the YWAM base there doing kid's ministry in the local slum area, speaking in a boys detention center, and also ministering to abused girls at a government run home, sharing with them about their worth and how much Jesus loves them. After the typhoon hit, we had the opportunity to go back to Cebu to do some relief work in different areas that were badly affected by the typhoon. We raised extra money to buy relief goods, packaged them up, and went to a few different communities and nearby islands where they say 90-95% of the homes were badly damaged or completely destroyed, and handed out the relief goods and prayed for the people there. I will never forget those people and their joy and resilience in face of this great tragedy.



*Christmas 2013*



*Typhoon relief work*



*July DTS Team Graduation*



*Typhoon damage*

### DECEMBER

We came back from the Philippines on Thanksgiving day and got to the base in time to celebrate with everyone! It was nice to be back "home" with my "family" for such a special holiday! After that, we had one more week of outreach, some debrief time and graduation! Shortly after graduation, the base took a week for Christmas vacation. It was nice to have time to relax and reflect back on 2013 and all the amazing things God did in my life throughout the year.

### WHAT THIS YEAR HOLDS...

2014 will be a year of change and adventure for me. Over this past year, I've been praying a lot about my future and what God has in

store for me and I feel like God has revealed quite a surprising plan to me! I will be leaving YWAM Mazatlan in the beginning of February. It is going to be very hard to leave this amazing community, but I know that my time here has come to an end. I am so grateful to all the people here who have invested so much in my life over the past 7½ years. After spending a few weeks at home, I am planning on going to Lausanne, Switzerland to do a 3-month, on-location BCC (Bible Core Course). This advanced YWAM training will make me more effective in my ministry by developing growth in my teaching, discipleship, and leadership skills. After I complete this training, I will be returning to the Philippines to work with YWAM Cebu. While we were there on outreach, God really broke my heart for the Filipino people and started speaking to me about going back there. I spent a lot of time prayerfully considering this option, and I feel like God has confirmed to me in many different ways that this is where He is bringing me next. I am excited to see more of what God has for me in the Philippines and in this new season of my life!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- \* for this last month that I have in Mazatlan, that I'd be able to say goodbye and spend quality time with all the people that have become so close to me over my time here
- \* for easy transitions as I leave and step into all of these new things
- \* that I would be able to raise all of the support I need for the BCC while I'm home

Thank you for praying for me in this new season. I am very excited, yet a little bit nervous about all of these changes that are coming. I really appreciate all of you who have supported me throughout my time in Mexico. I hope to see many of you while I'm home in February and March!

Dios les bendiga,

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