



Hey Everyone!

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How are you all doing? It was so good to hear back from some of you last month. I really appreciate that a lot. I can't believe that a month has already gone by. Where did all that time go? I have definitely been keeping myself busy this month! So much has happened that I don't even know where to start!

Casas de Esperanza (Homes of Hope)

This summer, I'm working with our Casas de Esperanza ministry. This is a ministry we started last year. We've adopted a poor neighborhood and are working through the local church there, building homes for those in need. Over the past year, the church there has tripled in size and many families are coming to Christ and being discipled because of the work we've been doing in their neighborhood. We had our first summer team a couple weeks ago, so I got to help build my first house!! It was amazing!!!! Because we were still short some staff workers, I was at the worksite every day. All the work was totally worth it when we gave the house keys to the lady and she opened the door to her very own, newly built house! It was incredible! Both she and her son cried with joy and were so thankful. I will never forget that moment. The rest of the summer, I will be working with the teams when they're on base: I will orientate them, answer their questions, and do all the logistical things with the ministry, but I'll only be going to the worksite once a week to help build the house. Then, during the days, I will be in the kitchen cooking. I am very excited to see how God is going to use me and stretch me this summer!



Que mas? (What more)

God has really laid my church here on my heart since I got back to Mazatlan. I have started going to youth group once a week and have begun to build up my friendships there. I really have a heart to encourage and disciple the youth there. I want to see spiritual growth in the youth, and I want to see them get more involved. There are actually a couple of the girls who will be doing our summer internship, Verano de Fuego (Summer of Fire), for the month of July. It is so amazing to see the church and YWAM come together. I can't wait for God to begin to use me more in these young teens' lives.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- that I would continue to learn more and more Spanish.
- that God would use me to impact lives and challenge people in their faith-- while they're building homes, the teens in Verano de Fuego, and at my church.
- that I could find time to rest this summer and not become too busy and get burnt out

I love you all so much! Please keep in contact. I really look forward to hearing from each one of you. Thank you for all your support!

Dios los bendiga,
Cassandra