



Youth in Mazatlán

Hey Everyone! 9/3/11

How are you all? Sorry about not writing an update letter last month--my mom came down to visit at the beginning of last month and it just slipped my mind with everything else that was going on, so this month's update is actually a 2-month update. ☺

PROJECT MAZATLÁN

So I left off at the beginning of July when my youth and I had just arrived in Mazatlán for our missions trip. It was an absolutely amazing experience and none of us wanted to leave at the end. We did so many things in the 5 short days we were there as a team, including: doing some investigation work in a new neighborhood that the government of Mazatlán has asked Homes of Hope to work in, level out a piece of land for a local family in the Colonia Sinaloa (the main community Homes of Hope has worked in), volunteer at a children's feeding center, deep-clean the base kitchen, host a youth group beach day for the church in the Colonia Sinaloa, put on a special, surprise, romantic dinner for the pastors of that church, and pray and intercede over Mazatlán from the lighthouse. I think that most everyone would agree in saying that putting on the surprise dinner for the pastors was the best part of the trip. Before leaving for Mazatlán, we knew we'd be working mainly in the Colonia Sinaloa and we'd heard that the pastors were going through a difficult time in their marriage and with the church, so we took some time to pray for them and to ask God if there was anything specific He wanted us to do for them. From that prayer time we got the idea of cooking and setting



Breakfast w/my Mexican family in Mazatlán

when they walked in and saw everything, they started crying. He later told our host that that night marked a turn-around for them and that things have been going so much better ever since (and that lime pie is his favorite dessert)! We were all amazed at God's faithfulness, not only to us in providing for us to go and working out all the details, but in using us and making good on everything He spoke to us about the trip. Now many of my youth are talking about their "next trip to Mazatlán" or even considering doing



Root beer floats with youth, my Mom, Amber & Edgar

up a special, romantic dinner for them. So we worked it out with their son and our host from the base to go over one evening while they were out and we cooked them some parmesan chicken and lime pie and we cleaned their house, set their table with flowers and a nice table cloth, turned on some romantic music, lit some candles, and left right before they got home. The next day the pastor came over to thank us and told us how big of a blessing the dinner had been. He said that they actually got in a fight on the way home and he got out of the car and took a bus home, but he and his wife ended up arriving at the house at the same time anyway and

Verano de Fuego (our month-long summer program for youth). Bringing my youth to Mazatlán was one of my biggest goals in coming here this year and I am so glad and thankful that we all had the opportunity to go!

VISITS FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY

At the beginning of August, not only did my mom get to come and visit me, but a group from the base in Mazatlán came down here at the same time for a promo tour. I was sooo blessed to get to spend some good quality time with my mom and Amber and Edgar, one of my best friends and her husband who is like a big brother to me! We all ended up staying at my pastors' house, which made for some fun times! With my mom, I was able to bring her to all of my favorite places around the city as well as show her what my life here has been like. It was so great for her to be able to meet my friends, my youth and my pastors. I feel so blessed to have been able to spend that time with her! It was also really nice to hang out with Amber and Edgar and catch up with them!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- for vision and direction for my adolescents group as this semester we're going to start making our own classes, choosing our own topics instead of following a book



Lunch with Mom downtown • to really get everything out of my last 2 months here in Mexico City before going home

• for new revelation & refreshment as I go to YWAM Mazatlán's staff retreat next week

Thank you all so much for all of your love and support and sorry once again for not writing last month. I'll be home in Nov. so hopefully we'll be able to catch up then!

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