

Cuernavaca News

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Dear Ministry Partner:

We are half way through this Winter/Spring ministry season! Time flies.

One of the things I have learned over the years as a missionary is to encourage myself. I do not have my circle of mature Christian friends here. Counting my blessings, naming them one by one, has been the most effective tool of encouragement for me.

One of my biggest blessings this year has been a book by Sarah Young called *Jesus Calling*. Sarah and her husband were missionaries to Japan and later on to Australia. This book is a collection of what the Lord impressed on her during her devotional times. I've been especially blessed as she often talks about practicing the presence of God with an attitude of gratitude. Each morning, I read a portion of her book and make a diligent effort to thank God for something specific for each day.



One of the things I enjoy here is the variety of bread in the Panadería (bread store).

Here's what I was thankful for in March:

March 1 For the 10 ladies that attend my Tuesday Bible study.

March 2 For the time to pray with one young woman in my neighborhood.

March 3 For the Lord giving me wisdom on how to respond to one gal who has a negative attitude toward the book we are studying for this ministry season.

March 4 For the time to pray early in the morning with one of my prayer partners.

March 5 For the five faithful ladies that attend the weekly prayer meeting I lead.

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March 7 For the accountants who worked on my 2010 taxes.

March 10 For the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

March 12 For an encouraging card a friend sent.

March 13 For one non-Christian woman who had lunch with my Tuesday group. One of the faithful gals really connected with this non-C lady.

March 14 For one answer to prayer where I specifically prayed for one gal to disassociate herself with one non-C gal as it was not helping her grow spiritually. I did not want to say anything but kept praying. The Lord impressed the issue on her and she decided herself to move on and leave this non-C friend in God's hands. Praise the Lord!

March 15 For the opportunity to pray with one sick woman.

March 16 For my door bell that finally got fixed after three months!!!

March 18 For the friends that seek my counsel and do not get upset when I tell them the truth.

March 20 For the weekly (Sunday and Wednesday) sound doctrine that my pastor Jaime Foote preaches.

March 21 For the financial provision to pay my bills.

March 22 For the Lord carrying me during those times when I know that in my own strength I can no longer carry on.

March 24 For the Lord's presence in my life.

March 25 For my 17- year old Mazda Protege that continues to run and enables me to give rides to many ladies.

Maybe you can join me in trying to have an attitude of gratitude. Let me know what you are thankful for. I am sure it would encourage both of us.

Thank you for partnering with me through your prayers, financial support, service, and encouragement.

Sincerely:

Angie Velasco

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