

Cuernavaca News

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Dear Ministry Partner,

Feliz Navidad from Mexico! I will be spending Christmas here in Cuernavaca. In the past I've always been sick and had to fly to Chicago and often ended up spending Christmas there. Praise God, I've had excellent health in the last two years!



My Bible story telling class in Puebla (2 ½ hours S. of Cuernavaca)

2011 is a milestone year for me. Come Dec. 31, I will be completing seven years of missionary service. It is hard to believe that I've survived this long. I believe the Lord has given me a lot of grace and favor. I have much to praise Him for:

1. His faithful provision of all that I need. He has given me a service team of dedicated men and women working behind the scenes to pray, give, edit my letters, send my letters, pay my bills in the U.S., do my taxes, work on my website, stay in touch with my donors and tons of other tasks that keeps a missionary on the field. It is amazing, how He assembled this team seven years ago and it is still going!!! He recently provided me a new desk top computer through the generosity of many of you. My 17 year old Mazda Protégé is still running. Of course, with its age comes all the repairs that are taking a toll on my budget. I know, in time God will provide me a new car. Another provision is a dentist from Texas who comes to Puebla once a month. Last November, after my Bible story telling class, he worked on my teeth fitting two new crowns that would have easily cost me \$2,000 in the U.S. He charged me a fraction of what it would cost in the U.S. because I am a missionary. What a provision from the Father!!!
2. His clear purpose and direction for my life. I often ask the ladies in my Bible study what they have read from their devotional time. One gal, M. shared last week, "I read about the life of Samson. He was called by God to lead Israel yet, he failed in a major area in his life. I pray that I would know God's purpose for my life and fulfill it." As I listened to M. sharing, I could help but recall the very first day I met her. She came to my apt. on Nov. 2010 to accompany her sister

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who knitted a shawl for me. She asked what I do in Cuernavaca seeing I am a foreigner. I told her I lead women's Bible studies and invited her to come. She came for the very first time that last Tuesday of December. Today, one year later, M. reads her Bible day and night, attends & serves our church regularly, and fully integrated in my small group. Amazing, as I give my life to evangelize women and disciple the faithful ones, the Lord brings them to my path. He has added three faithful ladies in the last three years. Of course there are those who come and go, but I give my time and effort to the faithful, available and teachable women who in turn would teach others also. II Timothy 2:2 continues to be my guiding vision, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men (women) who will be able to teach others also." Praise God for putting faithful women in my path!!!

3. His promise. Back in 2003, the Lord gave me Acts 18:9,10, "... do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you, for I have many people in this city." This is still the verse that I go back to in tough times. I've seen a lot of discouraging things in the last seven years --- unfaithfulness, division, rebellion, illnesses, gossip and etc., but... I choose to keep my eyes on the One who promised that He will be with me. Praise God He is Emmanuel --- God with us, God with me in Mexico!!!

I recently created a yahoo group to easily communicate with my prayer team what is going on. If you would like to join my prayer team, please send an email to CuernavacaPrayerTeam-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

An update on joining a mission organization: I have applied with Shepherd's Staff Missions Facilitators, Inc. (www.shepsstaff.org). I am waiting to be accepted. I will surely keep you posted as soon as I receive any updates.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Thank you for your faithful partnership with me these last seven years. May Emmanuel give us many more!!!

Sincerely,

Angie Velasco

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