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Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

Complete healing of my
body.

Wisdom to know and

I would call January 2009 the month of unexpected and unplanned events. If there is one thing I have learned in all the mission trips I have taken over the years the number one rule is: Be Flexible. As a missionary, I plan, organize, and supply what my Bible study groups will need but always give room for God to change my plans as He wishes. This is exactly what happened in the last six weeks.

During the last few weeks of December 2008 I announced to all my Bible study groups and informed all the leaders in Mexico that I will be in Chicago for medical consultations on December 17 and plan to be back in Cuernavaca on January 17, 2009. I had planned to start all

obey God's leading.

Continued spiritual growth of all the ladies I left behind in Cuernavaca.

Provision of a car while waiting on God for what is next.

my three Bible study groups the week of January 19, 2009. The Lord completely changed all my plans.

On December 22 as I sat in the office of my primary physician, she confronted me and said, "This missionary work has not been good for your health". She pulled out her prescription pad and wrote, "I recommend one year off missionary work because of Angie Velasco's medical problems." My infectious diseases doctor said the same thing.

I asked the pastor and elders of my church here, The Chicago International Evangelical Free Church to pray and lay their hands on me.. The group prayed for healing, for God's will to be done in my life and for wisdom for me to know and follow God's leading.

I was in shock! Finally, I realized the Lord is most likely changing my course. I know two things: 1) I was called and chosen to be a missionary 2) I was called to minister to Spanish speaking people. According to the 2007 year U.S. census there are more than 45 million Spanish speaking people in U.S. so there is certainly a wide mission field right in my own backyard. I do not know at this point if the Lord is surely calling me back to the U.S. but due to my frequent medical problems since I started living in Mexico and two doctors not giving me a medical clearance to go back, I will stay in Chicago for now until the Lord tells me what is next.

I did not expect what happened next. The door opened for me to attend a Hispanic Bible Seminary here in Chicago practically for free. All the classes are taught in Spanish.. I am taking Hebrews, Public Speaking & Group Communication and Interpersonal Relationships & Conflict Resolution. At the Seminary I met a professor who referred me to a Spanish Bible Church just south of where I live. My classmates are from all over Latin America --- Chile, Bolivia, Mexico, Uruguay, El Salvador, Colombia and Cuba.

One of my classmates from El Salvador is the Missions Mobilizer for the Hispanic Southern Baptist Convention. When he found out I am a missionary he did not waste time in inviting me to speak in different Hispanic congregations to mobilize them for missions.

Three members of my prayer team here in Chicago decided to meet every Tuesday evening for prayer and Bible study. We are studying Dr. Dwight Pryor's book and DVD, "Unveiling the Kingdom of God".

One Missions Team leader from Crossroads suggested I get counseling so, every Wednesday afternoon I meet and pray with a seasoned missionary to seek God's counsel.

Talk about flexibility! Wow! I am in touch with all the ladies in my Bible study groups in Cuernavaca by phone and by email. They will be placed in different Bible study groups with different leaders.

Thank you for you faithful love, prayers and financial support.

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Salmo 91:1 "El que habita al abrigo del Altísimo morará bajo la sombra del Omnipotente." Salmo 91:1