



January 2008 E-Update
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Happy New Year!

Wow! I can't believe it myself. I am going on my 5th year in Mexico this year. I remember driving down to Hermosillo from Vancouver, WA in 2004 and hitting a deer on the very first day of driving. Now... I really do take those deer signs on the road seriously.

In 2005, I moved to Cuernavaca not even knowing where Cuernavaca is! All I was told was there are a lot of Spanish language schools in the city. Now, Cuernavaca is slowly becoming home.

In 2006, I was plagued with all kinds of illnesses and the 9 day mission trip to Honduras complicated all the diagnosis. Somehow, I never quite fit in the quadrant of symptoms the doctors look for to make a diagnosis and to this day they keep sending me to Chicago if they do not know what I have. Now, I have become closer to my church in Chicago after being there for 2 months in 2006 and for one month in 2007, both times unexpectedly.

2007 was a very fruitful year. I saw many friends come to know the Lord. This is also the year He confirmed His long term call for me to be a missionary to focus on evangelism and discipleship of women. Now, I have a little more understanding that **He** is the only one who opens and closes doors.

I wonder what 2008 holds. There is a saying, "We do not know what the future holds but we know **Who** holds the future".

I do not know what 2008 will bring but these things I know about my Lord who has kept me in Mexico for the last 4 years.

1. He is God, faithful to His word. He promised that He will be with me (Acts 18: 9-10) and indeed He keeps me as the apple of His eye through accidents, illnesses, lonely days, happy days and fruitful days.
2. He is Jehovah- Jireh (Provider). It was a big financial transition working as a nurse with a MBA to being a missionary on financial support from friends and family. However, there is not a day that I did not have enough money for food, travel, medications, lab work, doctors, ministry supplies and many other expenses that come. There are days the checking account becomes very low but it has never been down to zero since I started working as a missionary.
3. He is a God that guides us if we are willing to wait and take our tiny steps of faith. I thought for sure I was called to do church planting, but after 4 years of Him opening and closing doors this was not what I was supposed to be doing.
4. He is a powerful God. He is the only one able to change lives inside out. I see this over and over again as I work with the women in Mexico.

It is not easy to be a missionary, but then again if it were easy... then I would not have gotten to know **Who** is with me through it all.

Thank you everyone for all your financial help and serving hands. Without you, I cannot go back to Mexico for the long run. I fly to San Diego for a Calvary Chapel Missions conference in Murrieta Springs, CA on Jan. 7-10 and then off to Mexico on Jan. 11.

Have a great 2008!

