

January 2010 E-Update

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No!!! This is not snow in Cuernavaca. As I write this letter, I am looking outside the window with snow falling beautifully here in Chicago. I left Cuernavaca on December 12, driving 23 hours north to Houston with another missionary. From Houston, Texas, I flew to Chicago for my yearly medical and dental consultations. Praise the Lord, I do not have any major infection! What a change from the last four years!

I cannot help but praise the Lord for how He took care of us during the 23 hour drive! We were stopped four times for military checks and once for an agricultural check. There was one military stop where two military guys practically opened all the suitcases and turned over every item we had in the SUV. One guy kept asking me why the right back door wouldn't open. I gave him the same answer every time he asked, "Ask her (the other missionary). It is her car. This is not my car. I do not know why the back door won't open." He asked me three times and I gave him the same answer each time. What puzzled me was... he never asked the other missionary on why her right back door wouldn't open. Oh well.... that is Mexico! There are many things, people and situations that I find myself in that I have no explanation for. I simply accept these things just as they are, knowing that I am not there to change their cultural, social, traditional or political views. I know my job is to share the gospel to as many people as possible and disciple those women who demonstrate great spiritual interest, faithfulness, teachability and availability. It is the Holy Spirit who changes their lives. My other job is to teach the Word of God. The Word of God is truth. Truth sets men, women and children free! (John 8:32).

I praise the Lord for a fruitful fall 09 ministry season! He gave me six women who came faithfully every Tuesday evening showing great interest in learning how to read & study their Bible, how to memorize scripture memory verses, how to serve in the church and how to share their faith. There were five other women who came but they were not as faithful as the six other ones I mentioned. Attached is a photo of the Christmas party I organized to end the fall 09 ministry season.



Dec. 8 Christmas party with the Tuesday evening Bible study group

Lord willing, I plan to leave Chicago on January 4 for San Diego. I am registered to attend the annual Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa Missions conference in Murrieta Springs, CA on Jan. 4-7, 2010. The theme of the conference is *Discipling the Nations*. I always look forward to this conference as I meet many missionaries serving around the world. I especially enjoy meeting other single women who like me are in the mission field. It always amazes me how God uses this state of singleness as HIS platform for HIS eternal purposes.

I fly back to Mexico on January 8 and will meet a girlfriend from Chicago at the Mexico City airport. I begin the winter 2010 ministry season on January 16.

May our faithful God give you a wonderful new year! I was memorizing John 10:10 today in Spanish. I really like how HE came to give us life and life abundant. I am surely enjoying an abundant life of adventures by HIS grace with my missionary work in Mexico.

As always, thank you for your love, prayers and support.

Happy New Year!!!



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John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing". Pray for me to daily abide in Christ. Thank you.