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Prayer Requests

For the Lord to lead me to the right Hispanic church He wants me to be involved in Chicago.

Good health.

Financial provision as the cost of living

February 2009 flew! My internist and infectious diseases doctor are firm in not giving me a medical clearance to go back to Mexico for a year. This is the main reason I am still in Chicago.

Meanwhile, I signed up to take classes at a Hispanic Bible Seminary fifteen minutes away from my home in Oak Park, IL. I am enjoying my classes on Public Speaking & Group Communication and Interpersonal Relationships & Conflict Resolution.

I know after each mission trip I take, I never come home the same. The Lord challenged me to polish my public speaking skills after the Nicaragua trip on November 2-10, 2008. Each week, I have the

in the U.S. is higher than in Mexico.

Spiritual growth of all the ladies I left behind in Cuernavaca. I am in touch with them by phone and email.

opportunity to speak publicly in Spanish in front of 12 people (the students and the teacher) and each one gives their positive and negative comments immediately after my speech.. I am very happy with the multi Latin American culture I am surrounded with in this Seminary. The teacher is from Bolivia; my classmates are from Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Cuba, Uruguay, Colombia and El Salvador. It is very encouraging to see the bonds of friendship I am forming with my classmates and exciting to see where God will lead us all after the Seminary training.

To date, I have four speaking invitations. One at a ladies group in Mexico City, two at a Missions mobilization group for the Southern Baptist church and one right here in Chicago for a Hispanic ladies Missions prayer meeting. Wow! Who would have imagined that I might be a traveling conference Spanish speaker! Only God opens doors and closes doors. Praise His name!

The other class is on Interpersonal Relationships & Conflict Resolution. During my four years of living in Mexico I never really understood how Mexicans resolved conflicts. Now, I am learning the proper way to resolve conflicts in the Latin American context.. I have a long ways to go! Praise God He is a God of a second chance, third chance and fourth chance! He never gives up on us!

Last Sunday, I visited a Hispanic church in Chicago. I was greeted warmly by everyone. The pastor's wife talked to me and as we were talking, a little boy about eight or nine years old extended his hand to me and said in Spanish, "Welcome to our church! I am so glad you came to visit us". I was so moved.. I remembered the verse in Psalms, "...from the mouths of babes..." Isn't it amazing how God uses children to touch our lives! What a blessing this little boy was to me last Sunday!

I met the leader of the ladies group. Upon learning that I am a missionary, she immediately asked me to join their bi-monthly ladies meeting and invited me to speak at their Missions prayer meeting on

February 28. Talk about an open door to practice my Spanish public speaking skills! Here it is. Again, praise the Lord for the open doors He gives me!

Health wise, I am doing better. I still do not have eight hours of energy so I take a nap each afternoon. It works well for my schedule right now as my classes in the Seminary are in the evenings. Being thrown unexpectedly in Chicago due to my doctors' decisions, I am using my time reading and memorizing scripture in Spanish, praying, taking classes in the Seminary, seeking wise counsel from seasoned missionaries, taking long walks and getting involved slowly in the Hispanic church here in Chicago. I heard there are between one to three million Spanish speaking people in Chicago, so at this time it is looking like I have a ripe field of harvest right here in my own back yard.

Due to the high cost of postage and printing, Crossroads Community Church will now only send my letters quarterly to my financial partners. I will continue to send my monthly email updates. If you are one of my financial partners who wish to receive a monthly printed letter via the postal service please let me know. I will gladly send you a copy. If you wish to just get an email update please notify me by email: avelasco139@yahoo.com or by telephone: Home: 708-660-9772

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

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