

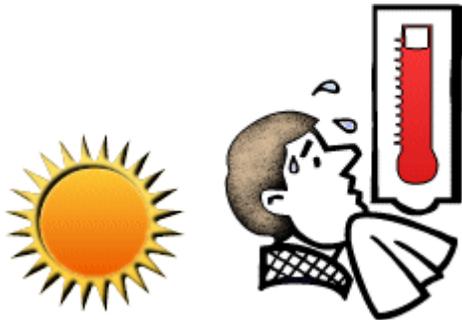
Cuernavaca News

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Dear Ministry Partners:

It is summer here in Cuernavaca. The daily temperatures sometimes go up as high as 102 ° F.



Whew!!! Our hottest season is during the months of April and May. But... this is also the season for many kinds of fruit that I enjoy. Different kinds of mangoes, pineapples, jicamas, oranges and mamey abound in fruit stores.



Photo of a fruit stand in Mexico (photo by Kathleen Crislip at <http://studenttravel.about.com>)

We have about two months to go for this ministry season of January to June 2010. The Bible study leaders usually take a break for July and August to rest and attend conferences. The next period of small group Bible studies pick up again from September to December. I plan on attending a *Women of the Harvest* Conference in Colorado Springs, CO in July and from there hope to fly to Chicago for a medical test.

At the start of each Bible study season, I noticed that the women are eager and plan on attending regularly. But at midpoint, I usually know who are there to stay. After four months of weekly small group meetings, many women have come and gone but have tasted what it feels like being part of a small group. Praise God, I have seven ladies coming faithfully every Tuesday evening!

One of my most difficult tasks as a small group leader is challenging the ladies to live lives completely dedicated to the Lord. I have two ladies dating non-Christian men. The thought of telling these two women that if they want to grow in their walk with God, they cannot continue with such relationships is frightening enough. Actually sitting down with them, citing verses and lovingly confronting them is one task I hate to do, but needed to do.

I started out by giving these ladies a book that I read in English but is available in Spanish called, *Dama en Espera* (Lady in Waiting by J. Kendall). This book talks about the importance of waiting on God for the man he has for us. The one gal, (L.) stopped coming. The second gal, (C.) continues to come. I invited (C.) to have lunch in my apartment. I shared with (C.) from my personal experiences; I had to give up a relationship knowing the other person was not interested in missions. I knew there was a possibility that the Lord might be calling me to missions and this meant giving up a lot of dreams, relationships and activities to pursue this call. I cited the verse in 2 Cor. 6:14, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers...". One evening (C.) mentioned that she had given up this relationship with a non-Christian. Unfortunately, as the weeks went on, I realized she had verbally mentioned to this man that she does not want to continue the relationship but she continues to receive calls and plan things with him.

How far do I go? I can only serve the Truth like serving food on the table, but it is up to the ladies on whether they would eat the food I serve (obey God's Word) or leave it (disobey God's Word). This whole ministry season we have been studying on how to have spiritual fruit in our lives. Obedience to God's Word is not an option. It is a command.

It is heart-breaking to see women make wrong choices. (C.) continues to come regularly to my weekly Bible study. I have stopped talking to her about this relationship as I realized the more I say, "no", the more she is tempted to continue. Would you pray for her to have the power to obey God?

As always, thank you for your partnership with me here in Mexico.

Happy Memorial Day!



Sincerely:

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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.