

Cuernavaca News

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Dear Ministry Partners:

What an awesome experience the Lord gave me with 700 women singing praise and worship to our God during our recent Women's retreat in Oaxtepec, Morelos!



Singing with 700 women!

The women came from six Calvary Chapels here in Southern Mexico. We spent the weekend hearing Bible teaching from five seasoned women leaders and had three opportunities to attend a workshop of our choice. Seven ladies from my small group of ten were able to attend. I roomed with three of them and had a chance to have a group devotion with four of the ladies for two mornings. One of the gals was assigned to another room but hung out with us most of the time.

The theme of the retreat was based on Philippians 2:15 "that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world". We were challenged to shine in humility, obedience, His will, righteousness and in the Word of God. I chose one workshop on *Shining as Light in the midst of Trials*. The speaker pointed out that our trials are fertile ground for either complaining or prayer. One suggestion she made was when going through a trial write down all the difficult things you are going through as a result of this trial but at the back of this page, also write down all the blessings you are receiving and will yet receive as a result of this trial. She pointed out that complaining under difficult circumstances is like poison to our heart and robs us of the opportunity to shine for Christ in our circle of influence. Boy... did that hit me hard! The best thing to do is to pray instead of complain. By God's grace and mercy I need to learn how to stop complaining and be more grateful for all the many blessings the Lord has given me.

Here are a few blessings:

- Good health enabling me to attend our Women's retreat.
- Eight faithful ladies that attend my Tuesday small group Bible study. Two gals come and go depending on their schedules.
- Faithful prayer warriors and financial supporters that enable me to survive here. Many friends who do behind the scenes

work to help me out.

- Weekly solid Bible teaching from my pastor here, Jaime Foote.
- My 16 year old Mazda that continues to run and enables me to give rides to many ladies.
- My name written in heaven.
- The privilege to be a cross-cultural missionary.
- The 24/7 access to a heavenly Father through prayer
- The power of His Holy Spirit enabling me to do what He has called me to do.
- Telephone, email, Facebook, text messages, Yahoo messenger, Skype and snail mail to help me stay in touch with many of you. I do not know how missionaries survived 50 years ago without any of these communication lines I have today.

I really have nothing to complain about. I've been blessed with a fruitful ministry. The four ladies and I made a group application (based on Phil. 2:14 "Do all things without complaining...") that only edifying words would come out of our mouths. When one is saying something unedifying, we will put our forefinger on our closed mouth. This would be a signal to that person to keep quiet. Pray that I would not be the one they would give the signal to!

Thank you for your love, prayers and support. **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Sincerely,

Angie Velasco



With my small group



With retreat room mates



With other leaders

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