

Cuernavaca News

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Dear Ministry Partners:

Greetings from Southern Mexico!

Mexico celebrated 200 years of Independence from Spain on September 16. The occasion was marked by fireworks all over town. The downtown square in Mexico City was packed with millions of people to watch the president shout, "Viva Mexico" (Long live Mexico!) on the eve of their independence day. We ate the traditional dish, pozole. It is a soup dish with corn kernels, onion, chicken or pork and all kinds of toppings like lettuce, lime juice, fried pork skins and of course, chilies.



Pozole with fried pork skins as toppings

I had a very interesting Sunday on September 26. Let me tell you about it.

On Sundays, I often eat with the ladies in my Bible study group at a local food court called Plaza Cuernavaca. This food court has all kinds of food and each one can choose whatever they like and whatever price they would like to pay. I often invite new comers to join us for Sunday's lunch as a way to get to know them better. I often have five to six ladies come. The conversation runs from what the pastor preached about, local events, to what's going on with each one and so on and so forth.

Well, last Sunday a gal came that comes on our Tuesday meetings but not on our Sunday lunches came. She asked, "Why do we do communion?" Everyone looked at me to answer the question. I said, "No, I would like to hear what others have to say." One gal, S. said, "We need to pray." We then bowed our heads and she started praying. She asked the Lord for wisdom on how to answer this question. I said, "Go ahead, R. try." R. said, "But you need to give me the Scripture references." I said, "Sure." I wanted to give the Scripture reference from the gospel of John where Jesus broke the bread to give to His disciples, but could not find exactly where it was. I turned to 1 Cor. 11:23-26. I asked R. to read these passages and explain them to L., the gal asking the question. She did a great

job reading the passages and explaining that in breaking the bread and drinking the grape juice we commemorate the death of Christ for us and announce His second coming.

I then asked, "Do you know why Christ died on the cross?" She could not give me a definite answer so I took it as a signal of an open door for me to share the gospel. With paper and pen on hand I started sharing the bridge illustration which shows how we all are sinners destined for hell, but by God's grace and mercy He sent Christ to die for our sins. The evening ended with L. praying to receive Christ and all the other ladies praying for her right in the one of the busiest shopping malls of Cuernavaca. I then asked the other ladies to take note of all the verses I used and that next time, one of them will have their turn to share this illustration with someone else.

Coming home, I remembered praying for weeks and especially that Saturday night of September 25 for this gal, L. to be born again. She has been coming to my weekly Bible study on Tuesdays but often appears lost and definitely not reading her Bible everyday. I can only give her a Bible reading plan and teach her how to have her quiet time, but I cannot give her the hunger for God's Word. I knew she needed to be born again to desire the spiritual milk. I praise the Lord for what He did that Sunday of Sept. 26. God opened the door for my small group to share the gospel, just with her one question on why we do communion. I thanked God for leading me to the passages on 1 Cor. 11 and helping me remember all the verses for the bridge illustration, which I know in English but not in Spanish.

Isn't it amazing how God orchestrates all things for His eternal plan and purposes?
What a privilege to be part of what He is doing here in Mexico!
Only Christ can give Mexico her true independence.

Thank you for your faithful prayers, financial gifts and encouraging emails.

Sincerely:

Angie Velasco



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