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A monumental day

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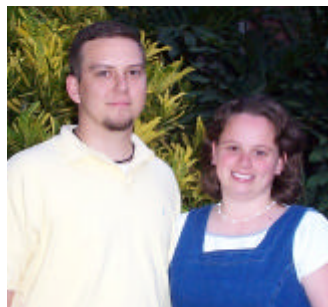
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10 BEDS IN 30 DAYS

"Do you realize that we have slept in 10 different beds this month?", Janell asked me one night as we were going to sleep. It didn't come as much of a surprise because we have been very busy in the last month, but ten beds?

We started the month with the end of training at the Center for Intercultural Training, saying good bye to good friends and closing that chapter of this incredible journey. After traveling 12 hours with about everything we own in our little Chevy Cavalier, we arrived at our new "home" in Hudson that God has so graciously provided for us. We then packed our bags again to fly to Louisville, Kentucky, to meet with the leadership of Youth Ministry International for some weekend strategy meetings. After flying home on the same day as the Kentucky Derby, we left the next day to visit with some family in Orlando. We had a great time seeing them again, but we had to go home to prepare for our preliminary field inspection trip to Mexico.



When we arrived at the Benito Juarez international airport in Mexico City, you would almost think the traveling was finished, but we did not stay in Mexico City the entire eleven days we were in the country. Instead, we had to travel to a different state within Mexico called Morelos. We spent a few nights in Cuernavaca working on team development and looking at language schools. Then we traveled again to the city of Cuautla, connecting with some people and developing some relationships there. Now we are back in Hudson, looking forward to spending some time in one place. Our ministry now is to finish the preparations for our move to Mexico. The major obstacle left is to raise the support for the ministry. Please pray for us in these days as we continue on this journey towards the mission field in Mexico. We'll be in one place for a little while...maybe.

EXCUSE OR SPIT? SPREADING CHEER

We have been told we will make a million mistakes before learning Spanish. It is best to consider these mistakes times of spreading cheer among the native speakers. We got one mistake out of the way in our recent trip to Mexico.

Quite frequently, the pastor of the church would stop and ask someone for directions. The word he used to begin was *disculpeme*, meaning "excuse me." This is a very acceptable word for this type of conversation, and it is very polite when a native speaker uses it. Unfortunately, we are not native speakers,

and we sometimes get pronunciation mixed up. Our group began to play around with the word, trying to pronounce it. Sitting with a group of teenagers from the church, we accidentally stumbled upon the word *escupeme*, which means "spit on me". For the remainder of our trip, we played with these two words, trying not to get spit on when politely asking to be excused.

Please pray that we find a good language helper for our months in the States before we move to Mexico.

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A MONUMENTAL DAY

“When can we start?” That’s what Pastor Josue Santos translated from the director of the seminary as we sat in his office this past May in Mexico City. At that moment, I sat there with goose bumps on my arms and tears on their way to my eyes. God was working in our midst. We were there to share our desire to develop a training program for youth workers.



The director and dean of the Seminary in Mexico City along with us, our executive director, and teammate.

A distinctive of Youth Ministry International is the development of Centers for Youth Ministry within educational institutions across the globe, including the countries of Ukraine, Kenya, and the US. The meeting in May was an informal, first step in the process of developing a center in Mexico, which would be the first youth ministry training program in the country. We will be involved in establishing this center as the first long term Youth Ministry International trainers in Mexico.

A YMI Center for Youth Ministry is a combination of classroom education and supervised mentorship during on-site internships. It has proven to be an effective way to develop professional youth workers, and we look forward to seeing what God is going to do with it in the future.

Please continue to pray for us as we develop this strategy for training professional youth workers for local churches.

PLEASE PRAY

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for us and this ministry. Some specific items to be praying for this month are:

- ✝ That God will lead us into contact with the right people to build our support team.
- ✝ Our team member Karen who is in Mexico until June 11, working with the Baptist church there.
- ✝ The young people in Mexico who desperately need to hear about Jesus and His saving power.
- ✝ The seminary in Mexico City: that the contact we made with them this May will be the beginning of a great work in training youth leaders throughout the country.
- ✝ That God will raise up people who are called to work with young people in the church in Mexico.

THE ROAD AHEAD

The only thing that is left for us to do before moving to Mexico is to find all of our support team.

We have two accounts with Youth Ministry International, an outgoing expense account and a monthly account. The outgoing expense account is everything that we will need to move, get settled, and set up the ministry in Mexico. Our monthly account is the amount it will take to live and operate the ministry while we are there. We are required to have 100% of both before we

will be able to move. We also need 85% of our monthly support to come in for 2 consecutive months before we will be able to get on the plane. So now our job is to find who God has set apart to join us in this ministry. We are actively looking for churches and people who God is calling to partner with us. Please join us in praying that God will lead us to the right places to find the team of people who are called to give to this ministry. If you feel led to give, please fill out the enclosed form and send it to Youth Ministry International.

We would love to share what God is doing in Mexico with your church, small group, friends, pets, and anyone who would like to know more. Please call or email us.