

MESSAGES ON MEXICO

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DONDE ESTÁ UNION MILLS?

Many people are wondering where in the world we are living. Well, we're currently staying at a place called the *Center for Intercultural Training* in Union Mills, NC. We're located at the south western tip of North Carolina, about an hour east of Asheville and just north of South Carolina.

Union Mills is a city with a population of 3,000 people. We jokingly say that it is a city only because it has a post office, but it does seem like it is in the middle of nowhere. Even Wal-Mart is 30 minutes away. I guess if it were really in the middle of nowhere, there wouldn't be a Wal-Mart! Seriously, though, Union Mills is a beautiful place in the mountains in North Carolina, and we are really enjoying our time here meeting new people and being prepared for what faces us in our ministry.

We are here to study in preparation for our move to Mexico. No, we are not learning Spanish, but we are learning many useful things that will assist while living cross-culturally.

We are currently taking a class called Program in Language Acquisition Training (PILAT), which is teaching us many new things about how to learn a language. It has included phonetics training, showing



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us how our mouths can make more sounds than we use in English. Another part is various language learning techniques to make us more prepared to work hard at speaking Spanish. Since Mexico is the largest Spanish speaking country in the world, we will be spending a considerable amount of time studying the language so we can effectively communicate with the people of Mexico.

MEXICAN CULTURE STUDY

We've spent all of last month in a class called Understanding Culture. It was really interesting and concluded with a 38 page paper introductory study on the youth culture in Mexico City. We are planning to make this study available online to anyone who wishes to read it, but here are some of the things we found out about current Mexican youth culture:

- 50% of all males who grow up in church drop out when they turn 20.

- In Mexico City, only 1.9% of the population is actively involved in an evangelical church.
- Only one in five women ages 12-29 will have the baby if they get pregnant, although abortion is illegal in Mexico.

For more information about our study on Mexican culture, visit our website or contact us.

OUR TRIP HOME

Recently we had a two week break from class, which we used to travel home. It was great to fellowship with our church family at New Hope and see Pastor Mike off on his journey to work with CBMC international on a full time basis. We also had the opportunity to participate in a Valentine's Banquet with New Hope and spend some time with our family.



Dennis and Janell with Pastor Coates and his wife, Jill, from Faith Baptist Church in Homosassa.

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PRAYER POINTS

We know that we will only be effective if our ministry has a good prayer base. That is where you come in as our prayer partners. Thank you for being such an important part of this ministry by lifting up our needs to our Father in heaven. You are essential to the ministry of training youth workers in Mexico.

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ing, and the way that God has provided for our needs every month, even when we are unsure of how He will provide. It is with this confidence that we ask you to pray for these needs this month.

God gave us a chance to participate in a missions conference at Faith Baptist Church in Homosassa Springs. It was our first missions conference, and the people were warm and encouraging to us. God has given us many opportunities to become acquainted with many loving people since we have begun our missionary journey. It is good to know that godly people are praying for us and thinking about us while we are serving the Lord.

God also provided us with some needed rest. We left the missions conference in the afternoon, preparing to attend class early the next morning. Arriving back home in North Carolina at midnight, we found out that class was postponed until the next afternoon, giving us an extra few hours of sleep that were desperately needed. Praise God!

If we didn't get to see you while we were home, we apologize, but we will be home again in three months.

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- Understanding of the subjects we are learning.
- Planning and safety for the coming trip in May.

THE ROAD AHEAD

In the next three months, we will be taking classes at CIT including the following: Progress of Redemption, Equipping for cross-cultural life, Effective Teams and Leaders, Sharpening your Interpersonal Skills, Conflict Management, International Health and Wellness, and others.

We finish at CIT on April 26 and are planning to take a research and discovery trip to Mexico City in May. This is the trip where we will be finding a place to live, doing extensive research on cost of living,

and laying the groundwork for our move to the big city. It will include a college group who will be helping us research the relationship between family life and religion among young people in Mexico City. Please pray for us in the months to come. We look forward to reporting back to you what God is doing in our lives as a result of your prayers.



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