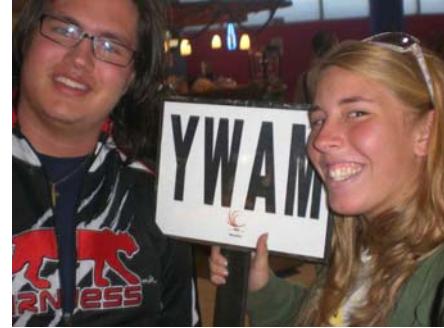


Hola Todos!

January 2008

I'm sorry that this is a little late in coming- with the New Year, getting ready for the DTS, and having a Homes of Hope team here, my mind totally slipped from writing my update letter for you all. How is your year going so far? Things have been hectic around here, but with the school starting this week, things should settle down some soon.

DTS: The last few weeks have been really busy getting everything ready for our January DTS, but we finally started this week! The final count on students is 17 with 5 Mexicans, and the rest from South Africa, Norway, Germany, England, the States, and Canada. I think the coolest thing about our students is that one of them, Rafael, is from our Remnant skate ministry, and one, Alfredo, got saved during our Carnaval ministry last year. This is the first time we've ever had DTS students come from any of our ministries. It is so amazing to see fruit from these things and then be able to equip these guys and see them



Picking up students at the airport



Me, Daisy and Beks

grow. This month I've spent a lot of time in prayer for these students, fighting for and pursuing them, and asking God for vision and direction for their lives. I'm so stoked about all that God has in store for me during these next 6 months with this DTS.

THE ZONE: This month we had some portable coffee thermoses donated to our Zone ministry. So, every week we've been making coffee, bringing cups, sugar, and creamer, and giving out free coffee. This has opened up some new doors for us- by giving out free coffee, we've begun to build relationships with the people who work in this part of town. Also, a couple of weeks

ago as we were walking around, we really sensed that we should knock on the door of a certain house and talk with whoever answered. So we did, and a 16 yr. old boy answered the door and we got to share with him about Jesus and how He has a plan for his life and wants to fulfill his dreams and desires. He was completely blown away by God's love for him so we left him a Bible and a promise to return.

CHRISTMAS: We had a week break for Christmas this year to relax and celebrate. On Christmas Day, we went to our directors' house, ate a big meal, exchanged gifts, watched a Christmas movie, and played games. Mostly, it was just really great to hang out with each other not in a working environment and to have time to make some great memories and relax.



Christmas Eve Party

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- for the DTS- that the students would get everything they could out of it, and that us staff and our speakers could really pour into each and every one of these students' lives
- that I could keep up on all of my jobs as my schedule is very full
- that I could get fresh vision for the kitchen because I will be managing it until I leave on outreach in April

Love and God bless,
Cassandra