

¡Hola Todos!

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¿Cómo están? This month has been filled with some big events, but it's been so great, between Carnaval, the September DTS's graduation, Homes of Hope teams, and all the everyday jobs. I hope you all had a wonderful month as well!

CARNAVAL - For those of you who don't know, Carnaval is like a Mexican version of Marti Gras. This year we had a free café and beauty salon, a couple different one-on-one evangelism teams, a children's ministry, our Remnant skate park, a nightly

intercession team, and an arts ministry. I have so many great stories of all the things God did during this time, but I'll pick out a couple of my favorites to share with you. One day, some of us went out and just felt from God to split into groups and talk to people. In my group, God led us to this girl who was sitting alone on the side of the road and looked really sad. We approached her and asked her what was wrong. She went on to tell us how she'd just found out that one of her really good friends was in a car accident and was in critical condition. We asked her if we could pray for her friend and then did. Afterwards, we kept talking to her about God and found out that she'd grown up in a Christian home in a city like 5 hours from here but hadn't been walking with the Lord for the last several years and was just here to party

for Carnaval. After talking to her for awhile, we asked her if she'd like to rededicate her life to Christ and she said YES!!!!!! It was so cool to see how God led us to her for just the right time! My favorite story from Carnaval, though, has got to be from the last day. All week I'd felt that I should work in salon one day so, when it came to the last day, I went and told one of the girls that I'd translate for her that night. Well, when we started up there was absolutely NO ONE in the salon and I started feeling really antsy and like I shouldn't be there. So after a little while, I finally left and got a couple of my friends to come out on the streets with me and talk to people. When we went out, God told me that we should talk with the first person we see sitting on the side of the malecon. After a couple of minutes, we saw a girl sitting alone and went up and talked with her. When we began to share about God, she told us that she could never become a Christian because no one would accept her because of the things she'd done. She then told us that she'd worked in a bar as a stripper since she was 16 and had just recently stopped

because she got a cut on her side. We ended up bringing her back to our salon, I gave her a manicure, another girl and I talked with her some more, and SHE GAVE HER LIFE TO CHRIST!!!! It was such an amazing experience to see how God worked everything together to bring her into His kingdom!



Cultural Night



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Carnaval Salon



EVERYTHING ELSE - The DTS is going really great and the students seem to be growing and learning. We've already begun planning our outreach, but are really waiting on a lot of different things to come into place. Through all of this, I'm learning a lot about what it means to lead and disciple out of my character, to be a godly leader and follow Jesus' example of leadership and discipling. As a base, we're in a real fight to buy our property. We had all of the money raised by the beginning of the year and then our landlord changed his mind and decided that he didn't want to sell. Now we're really seeking the Lord to know what His will in all of this is.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- that as we plan our outreach to Mexico City, our communication with our contacts would be good and we'd get our plans more cemented into place
- that we would have wisdom and favor as we try to buy our property here
- against sickness as many people have been getting sick lately

Thank you so much to all of you who e-mailed with short updates. I always love to hear from those I love back home. I miss you all and love you!

God bless,
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