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Hey everyone! How are you? This month has mostly been focused on outreach (getting ready for it and being on it). But it's all been great! I love outreach!

FINISHING LECTURE PHASE

The first couple weeks of this month were the end of the DTS's lecture phase. One of our best weeks of classes was our last, when an American missionary, who has been living in Mexico City for the past 20 years, came and spoke on World Missions. He really challenged us all to be intentional and think about the long terms results that we want to see. God really affirmed my calling and vision to go to Mexico City through this speaker's teaching. He had so much wisdom and experience that really encouraged each of us.



MEXICO CITY OUTREACH

We began our outreach with 2 weeks in Mexico City before coming to Haiti (which we got to today)! We worked with a YWAM ministry, MegaCities, that focuses YWAM international on a major city of the world for an entire year. So we had the privilege of working in Xochimilco, one of the southernmost delegations in Mexico

City. A team had already worked in the area earlier in the year, so all of the pastors in the area were very excited that we were there and were willing to work with us. We worked with about 5 different churches, preaching, leading

youth groups, evangelizing, and sharing testimonies. I have 2 favorite stories from these 2 weeks. One is that we went to do an open air program outside of a high school in the area. At first, it seemed like it was going to be a failure because no one was really paying attention and many of the kids who were listening were just making fun of our dramas and the things we were sharing but, in the end, when we went out to talk with them, they were super open and had a lot of questions and ate up our attention. We saw 6 salvations that day. We had the opportunity to go back on our last day and hang out more with students. I love high schoolers! My other favorite story is that, on our last night in the city, we organized a youth night and invited all of the youth groups that we had been working with to come. We weren't really sure how many people would come but God spoke to us really clearly about organizing this event and ... it ended up being a HUGE success! We had about 35 kids come, with representatives from every church we worked with. I led worship and we prayed for the city, shared testimonies, spoke words of encouragement over the youth, performed some dramas, and prayed

for those who wanted to be more radical in their faith. After the event, I realized that that is exactly the kind of thing that I want to do in the future when I move to Mexico City, and that brings me to my last point....

IT'S OFFICIAL

While I was in Mexico City, I met with the pastor of the church I want to work with

when I move to Mexico City in the fall. It was a great meeting and he and his family are super excited to have me come work with them!!! He's going to look for a family for me to live with and get me plugged in with their youth group and teams right away! I'm so excited!!!! It is so amazing to see how God has brought everything together for me.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- for our last student, Jimena, who is stilling working on getting the rest of her outreach fees (that she'd be able to raise the money and meet us here soon)
- for us to be able to work hard and effectively in Haiti (even in the heat and humidity)
- for good attitudes as we are stretched out of our comfort zone and put in hard situations

Thank you all for your love, prayers, and support!

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