



Vince & Gail serving in Tecate, Mexico

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Dear Prayer Supporter,

Language School....What an adventure!!! A true missionary adventure.

Flying to southern Mexico where the beautiful lush tropical state of Oaxaca is located.

Riding the two hour van trip to the semi-remote fishing village on the Roca Blanca Beach.

Living in Cacalotepec which is a modern day Mixtec tribal village.



Welcome to the village of Cacalote, Oaxaca

Living in an open air home where the only sink was in the bathroom. (VERY happy we had an indoor bathroom. Many in the village and some of the other students didn't.) No hot water, no personal vehicle for transportation, very minimum access to internet or telephone. We would walk the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to and from the Roca Blanca Language School every day, rain or shine.



SO MUCH of this was very reminiscent of our years in the Philippines. The gorgeous tropical plants and green landscape, the extremely humid weather, the open air

markets and small vegetable/fruit stores, the never-ending fight with mosquitoes and other insects that insist on invading our personal space, the continual animal noises (roosters, donkeys, cows, dogs, etc.) day and night. But, the fresh mangoes made up for some of the other inconveniences and we even had bananas, limes and oranges growing right outside our front door!



Our house with all our coconut trees in our yard.

Each day after our $\frac{3}{4}$ mile walk to school, classes started at 8 AM and continued until 1 PM with a mid-morning break where we had a light meal called “almuerzo.” Basically, we spent 4 hours a day in class (Mon-Fri) and then walked back to our house for 3-5 hours of homework and study. The first week was still an adventure. By the third week, as the adventure was wearing thin...FEELING THE PAIN!



The road we walked on to the Roca Blanca Language School

Homework consisted of memorizing 30-50 vocabulary words, conjugating and memorizing 10-30 verbs each day. Add scripture verses to memorize, several pages of grammar and phonetic homework and we managed to fill our brains with muchas palabras en Español (many Spanish words). The work of it, coupled with the physically draining tropical humidity...needless to say, we fell into bed exhausted every night! We were only able to complete the Level 1 part of this school.



The classes were kept small and this is our level 1 class.

We totally came away with a much better understanding of the Spanish language AND a good basis for starting to build experience and practice in Spanish so that we can better communicate and develop relationships with the people. We plan to continue the study and practice of Spanish and hope, one day, to be able to teach and preach in Spanish.



Here are all the students and teachers of the Roca Blanca Language School

Pray for us as we continue the study of Spanish here in Tecate.

Thank you very much for your prayers and support of our ministry.
Blessings,

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