

Missions Focus

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Serving in Mexico



Oaxaca Ministry

What an amazing and fruitful time it was serving in Oaxaca, Mexico for the month of February! I had several different roles while there. I lived in the home of a Mexican family, which provided many blessings and a few challenges of its own.

I served in an orphanage, Casa Hogar, helping with kitchen duties in the morning and returning in the early evening to help the kids with homework. There are eleven kids who live in Casa Hogar from the ages of 2 to 17. They all call the couple who lives with them, Mom and Dad, and they call each other brother and sister. One evening several of the tutors and I prepared a Japanese dinner for the family where everyone learned to use chopsticks. Then, we watched the movie, "UP", together. We had a great time of fellowship!

I also worked in the elementary school each day. The kids there are receiving a great education. The school is located on the Roca Blanca base. The students are children of those who serve as teachers, leaders, and students on the base. The curriculum is in both English and Spanish. Because the teachers speak only Spanish, they need help from English-speakers to work in the classroom. I connected and bonded with the teachers and students very quickly. It was a great joy for me to serve in this manner each day!

Furthermore, I was able to join two separate medical outreaches. One was to a village of about 200 people. They lived along a river in a gorge with steep mountain sides. Through your support, I was able to purchase several crafts for VBS. The kids really enjoyed doing these after the songs, drama, face painting, and playtime. In the second village, the church where we set up was in the middle of a fruit and nut orchard. On this day, while we were waiting for kids to arrive, I spent some time observing the doctor in his consults and helping with some of the intake. It was good to witness the amazing love and care that were being provided to the villagers we served.

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La Esperanza Ministry

I have been so blessed to re-join the women of our church community to pray and intercede.

In January, we had a house fire in our village. It burned up so quickly. Many villagers came to help contain the fire to only one house. It was devastating to witness the loss to this family, yet it afforded us the opportunity to come together to support them with love, time and gifts. I pray God uses this to bring healing and reconciliation to many broken relationships that exist in our little village of Nueva Odisea.

We are preparing for our spring teams this year. There are four teams who will travel to us to join our ministry. They will be coming from Nevada, Oregon, New Hampshire, and Maine. I look forward to seeing what God has in mind for all of us as we partner with Him. I pray that we will have eyes to see what He is doing and, with unity, to join in His fruit bearing work.

First through sixth grade: (l to r)
1st row: Owen, Wesley, Jaden
2nd row: David, Deira, Carmela,
Sage, Jesse, Galia, Jennifer
3rd row: Allie, Samuel, Tiago
4th row: Belinda, Miss Cristy, Marco,
Diego, Cooper, Vianny, Regina, Ami.

These are the students that I was privileged to invest in each day.



Forward Glance

It is on my heart to return to Oaxaca in September to begin six months of language studies. I also hope to bring a former student of mine to study music in the worship school on campus. I still have several conversations to have to see if God is opening these doors for Flor.

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