



TECATE MINISTRY UPDATE

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Merry Christmas! We praise the Lord for another year of serving here in Tecate, Mexico. Here are a few of the ways that your prayers were answered this last year.

LANGUAGE SCHOOL ...What an 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.

Living in an open air home where the only sink was in the bathroom. No hot water, no personal vehicle for transportation, very minimum access to internet or telephone. We would walk the ¾ 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.

Also having fresh mangoes, bananas, limes and oranges some of which was growing right outside our front door!



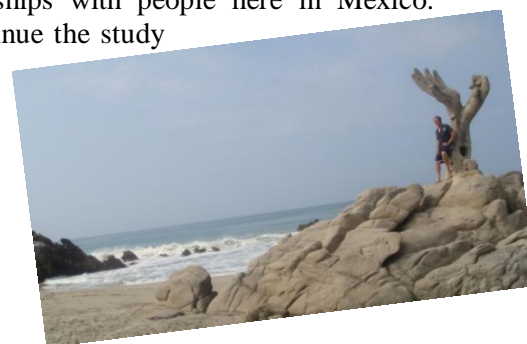
Each day after our ¾ mile walk to school, classes started at 8 AM and continued until 1 PM with a mid-morning break where we had a light meal called "almuerzo." Basically, we spent 4 hours a day in class (Mon-Fri) and then walked back to our house for 3-5 hours of homework or study.

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 able to complete the Level 1 part of this school. 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 people here in Mexico. We plan to continue the study and practice of Spanish.

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





CHURCH LEADERS STUDY OLD & NEW TESTAMENT

In November, Vince went again to San Vicente to finish his class sessions there on Old and New Testament Survey. This has been a wonderful experience getting to know the brothers and sisters in the Lord who have such a heart for ministry and missions. Some in this class do not read well or do not read at all, so it is a challenge to communicate the necessary information that will help them with a better understanding of God and Our Lord, and how they can better be in line with His will and His Kingdom work.



BRIGADAS MEET MEDICAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE

We have had the opportunity to help with a couple more Health Fairs, this fall. One was in November and another in December. We have been helping a co-worker, Megan, from the Mexican Medical office as she manages the children's area of this health fair.

In November, about 170 kids came through for us to not only teach them about healthy living habits, but we were able to share Bible stories about Jesus and the "Wordless Bracelet" evangelical tool for them to hear the gospel message. Vince was also able to help with serving the 800 or so hot dogs that are regularly given out at the Brigadas.

TRUJILLO FAMILY UPDATE



In August, before language school, we helped move all 3 of our married children to different locations. Our married kids all had been living on the east coast. Two of them are in the Washington D.C. area and Rida & Aaron were in Plymouth, MA.

We originally were planning on going back to help Rida and Aaron drive the moving truck across the country, as they were moving back out to California. But, since we were going to be on the East Coast, we planned to stop in D.C. first to see our kids/grandkids who live there.

It just happened that at that time, Chad & Bri were packing up to move onto base housing located at Fort Meade. At the same time, Cami & Dan had just bought a house and were moving also while we were there. Then we flew to Boston and drove Rida and Aaron across the country. So, along with spending a little time with the grandkids, we helped all three of our married kids move to new places. Whew!!



On our way back to CA we made a stop in Arizona and were able to make a quick visit with Vince's 94 year old mother.

Chad/Bri and family are still in D.C. at Fort Meade. Chad teaches photography at the military media school. Bri is home-schooling the kids.

Rida & Aaron have since bought a house in Hemet and are settling in there. Rida is working for a lawyer and Aaron is pursuing personal projects.

Cami & Dan are still in D.C. with Dan at Fort Meade working as a Chinese linguist. They have become licensed Foster-Parents. **SPECIAL NEWS! They are expecting their first child in April!**

Ryan, Mela and Cade still live in Nuevo. Ryan still works with autistic kids in the Temecula school system. Mela works at Starbucks and Cade is starting Junior College.

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