

Crecimiento

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Feliz Navidad!

Life up 'till now...

I never really realized how fast time really passes. I can't believe I have been here for six months! Since September, I have been learning more about how to "do" ministry here in Fresnillo. I won't say things are routine, but they seem to be smoother. It's about this time that a missionary has come out of the "honeymoon" stage, and begun settling into ministry.

Having lived with my friends these past few years has really helped me learn to live in community with my team members here. They say it is kind of like being married, a person has to learn to be considerate of another person's wishes, sleeping habits, and pet peeves! We share two vans for transporting everyone! Gets kind of hectic sometimes! We even had a "community living" seminar earlier in the fall. We have spent many hours as a team with Mary Dorsett, our field director, on what flies and what doesn't fly for living in close community as we do!



Missionaries who can party!

One of the coolest things about where I am is the guys and girls I get to be around! Since I have been here, we have had three

dance parties, and there is always talk of another. This community of 20-somethings is the best! We have so much fun laughing, teasing, and living out our lives for Jesus together. I am so thankful to have them as my family of friends! In the words of my friend Jim, "They are the coolest!" To the left is a photo of a few of us on our camping trip!

Some of my favorite boys...

I want to tell you about Pablo. Pablo just turned nine-years-old in November. He is the son of David and Vero Rodriguez, one of our church families. Pablo loves to play soccer, or "fut," short for "futbol." He attends our Kid's Club program regularly, and his heart is full of enthusiasm for life!

Another young lad named Saul, pronounced 'sa-ewel', has one of the softest and kindest hearts I have seen down here. He too loves to play 'fut', and usually asks me when I am coming to play at his house!



needs your prayers, because he has a learning disability. He is far behind in his reading level at his age, and needs some outside attention.

Please pray that God will help me know how and when to help him.

Then there is Miguel, one of the sweetest kids I have here. This kid loves to play, and comes from a family with some issues. But despite his family's issues, he is

different. I love to go visit him and his family.

Please pray for these kids when you pray for me! A couple boys of need of prayer are: Francisco of Calera, as he can't read either, and I don't think he is a Christian. Also, please pray for Israel, he is a sweet and intelligent boy, who has no father figure around. All these boys need prayer for spiritual protection! The photo up to the right includes Saul (left), Miguel (center with fingers!) Santiago (bottom right), and Francisco (right), for your viewing pleasure!

"Iglesia Del Gran Pastor"

A praise for receiving our papers for official recognition as a religious association as CFCI in Mexico! Also, just recently in early December, a number of our men in our church body, along with our pastor Doug Jones, attended not only the first Promise Keepers conference held in Mexico, but the first ever in Latin America! What a privilege it was to see the renewed faces and spirits of the men who returned from the trip! God is really moving here in Fresnillo, Mexico. I was remembering when last year I prayed that God would send me to a place where I could share Christ and disciple others...little did I know what He had in store for me here!

Thoughts this Christmas...

As I look back over this past year, while still living in Bloomington, hadn't finished my degree yet, and as I watched and listened to friends tell their stories of what was going on in their lives, I began to wonder just where or when or if God wanted me to go. After wrestling in prayer, trying to be faithful in checking out possibilities of what to do, I can look back, and see without a doubt, that he has truly been faithful in preparing me to come here. To be honest, it was really lonely at times this past year; trying both spiritually and relationally, but as the *Chronicles of Narnia* so well illustrate, "Aslan" was good through it all. He may not be safe, but He is still good!

Prayer Requests

1) I still need financial support, I have about ½ of my support raised, and still need around \$6000 more. Muchas gracias to all who have given prayerfully and financially! If you feel God is leading you to give, please send a check made payable to **CFCI**, put my name on the memo line and send to the address below. Thanks so much!

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2) I have been struggling in my personal time with the Lord. Reading the Word and prayer are essential for walking close with Him, so please pray that my times would be truly full of him, that He would shed His light into the areas He wants to work, and that my mind would be quickened to understanding and wisdom! Thank you!

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Gratefully His for all that He has done,

 

This passage, Psalm 73:25,26, God has used to encourage me recently, "Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."