

Day 1 July 13th

Today we woke up happy campers with a much needed sleep after waking up at 1:00am the day before to travel all morning. We went to a prime breakfast in a cafe in San Diego with great food and went on our way to Vicente Guerrero to get to the Heart Ministry base and scope out our living space for the week. The van rides were always a party having convenient car games to pass the time by and the air conditioning working like a charm. Travel was so smooth and easy not getting lost from San Diego to Mexico which we are very grateful for. We started making new and fun games immediately arriving at the Heart Ministries base all people thrilled about being here. Tacos for supper lived up to the amazing standards the first timers of the trip had been hearing about and nothing like finishing off the day with devotion time and worship on the beach. Also, thanks to Michael's fine purchase of a frisbee we took up a great pass time of playing frisbee golf in the San Diego hotel courtyard, only hitting the hotel three times.

Love

Nicole Reid

God has already showed us so much, like Nicole said before, it was a much easier trip then previous years... Roads and signs have being improved greatly. So we made to Heart Ministry Base in record time! Praise The Lord for that.

We are sharing the base with a group from Hawaii, it will be so good to meet them and share what God is doing through us, with them. I can't wait!

We also drove by the house we built 2 years ago, it was very well kept, and a bit of a fence around it. I really hope we are able to go back and say "Ola" before our week is over.

So far we are all healthy, and we pray it stays this way, thank you for all of those who are praying for us, we really appreciate the support!

I guess I better go to sleep... Tomorrow is coming fast.

Love,

Mayra Frose

ie: We are experiencing some troubles with the wifi so this will be uploaded a little late, and it might also not happened every day, but will do our best to keep you all informed of what we are up to.



July 14, 2014

Hello,

Everyone is very busy with playing games around the camp, so you will get my broken English again, I am sorry...

So today was our first day at the work site, and it was a hot, long day of building... We got there at 9:30 and left at 3:40. We got most of the walls built, and half of them is already painted.

We are hoping to dedicate the house Thursday morning, so we have another long day tomorrow ahead of us!!

Darren, Lorne and I went out before dinner to find Elia, she is a wonderful lady that we have had the pleasure to work with in the past few missions trip, with her help we are doing VBS on Wednesday morning.

Tomorrow we will be getting all the food for our food hampers, to give away in the community of the house we are building.

At the devotional time at the end of the day today, it was hard to find someone with out a little bit of a sun burn, but we did really good considering how long we were out there.

God is doing great things every day to all of us around here, i am sure they will have lots of stories to share, once we are back home. I am so grateful for this group of youth, they are always trying to talk with the locals, with the little Spanish they do have, and the worship is once again a highlight of the Mexico trip for me, it is beautiful to hear all this youth worshipping our Lord with such a loud and pure heart! I wish you all could experience that with us!

Ok I better go to sleep now.

Mayra Frose



July 15, 2014

Hi everyone! So today we woke up bright and early for what we thought was going to be an 8 am breakfast but, surprise, it was at 7, so we hurried as fast as we could to the dining hall and had delicious chocolate chip pancakes. Then we were off to the work site. This was our "get a lot done" day, so we worked hard and played hard until lunch. We put up all the walls today got most of the roof done. There was also a few of us who played so exhausting games of soccer under the hot, hot Mexican sun. The kids there are all a load better than us, so we have to split them up or else the teams are really uneven! About an hour and a half, Beatrice, the lady we are building the house for, brought a home made mini burritos (that we're also delicious.) After working, we went home and had a quick supper and then were off to the beach. The waves were a blast ( and we're also quite large) and the soccer was fun too. We then returned back to the base

to make food hampers for local families and backpacks for VBS. We then had some down time, finished our devotions and were then off to the chapel for worship and sharing, and now we are off to bed!! Goodnight!

Bethany Friesen

Jesus is good , His Spirit is moving. Please continue to pray



July16th,2014

Today we got a long ways on the house. With a crew leaving to work on the house at 5:30 we got a lot of work done. After breakfast a group of people worked with Jessica on a skit for vbs ( I got to be Jesus ) and it was a blast. At VBS we had a great time playing with the kids and showing them gods love. It was a great time. We then went and worked for another few hours on the house and had a great time playing soccer with some Mexican kids who's skill level was 10X ours. We came back had a great meal and then went to church. It was great seeing people praising god so much, even though we couldn't understand them! The ice cream to follow was a fabulous end to the day. Overall my favorite part of the day was playing with the kids at VBS. I think that at one point I had 4 children hanging on me while I was "giving them a ride". Seeing how happy they were with so little was amazing. In the evening we had some worship time with the other group that is serving here and it was a great time. I can't wait to see what tomorrow has in store.

Nahum Hoepfner



July 17th,2014

Wow! What can I say about today? I am still processing, what we all did myself!

Ok we started the by having a very yummy breakfast, and off to finish the house we went, the dedication of the house was set for 2:00 pm, and Mathew worked on finish touches till the last minute. So thanks to our work site leaders ( Mathew and Rudy) we got the house done and it is beautiful!

The dedication of the house was done by Jessica, Matthew, Derek, and Rudy, it was great, and Beatriz seemed very happy with her yellow and orange little home.

Once we got back to the base, we only had 30 minutes until our early dinner, and once again, it did not disappoint, by 5:00 pm we were off again.

We had the amazing pleasure of going to campo with Elia, there the youth were able to feed dinner and play with the children. We also brought food hamper, and bibles to give away. Tyler had a big bag of hats, and that did not take long to disappear, it was like they had gold with them, it only took a few seconds for Tyler and Bryce to be surrounded by people really trying to get a hold of at least one hat! So after that me and Bryce went to one baby at the time with a baby knitted cap, made by Bryce's mom, thank you! That was definitely a hit with the new moms.

The campo always brakes my heart, the living situations are horrible, and I feel like there are no words to explain, it is sad really. There is so much it can be done, it is overwhelming.

We also spent some time praying with Elia, and this lady is the most amazing Christian lady I have ever seen... I pray that one day if not here on earth you all have the pleasure to meet this wonderful woman in heaven! She is one of those people that when you meet her, she just stays in your heart forever.

After we were done we went back to the community where we built our house and drop off a lot of food hampers that was the icing on top to our busy day! We also gave out the school back packs to the kids around there, and they were so happy! It broke my heart when I realized we did not have enough for everyone, but that just gave me the extra incentive and the desire to come back soon.

Through the past 6 years God has being making this city mine and Lorne's home, we both love this people so much, we both miss our kids very much, but also feel we can do so much more for this community. I pray that God will direct all of us in this missions trip, to where he wants us to go from here, what to do with the love he put in our hearts for the people, for this city, for this country.

I can keep going, but it is way pass mid night, and God has plans for tomorrow, and I would like to be rested for them. Thank you for your prayers,

Yes it is me again,

Mayra Frose PS: I know you want to hear from your kids, but blogging is hard when we are so busy, our down time is spent doing devotions. So you get to hear from the immigrant. :-))Oh and tomorrow is baptism! So extra prayer for Curtis, Michael, and Rudy!



July 18th, 2014

We got to sleep in a bit today as breakfast was at 7:30. Today was pancakes and fruit and it was good.

Later that morning we went to the orphanage in Vicente Guerrero. The place is amazing. It is huge. A Christian husband and wife named Chuck and Charla from North Hollywood started it about 50 years ago. The original building was a famous casino located on the main drag through the town, but the government decided to build a new road (the one used today) and the property lost value. Chuck and Charla were traveling in the area and Charla was walking around the building one night and could hear the sound of children's voices even though there were no kids around. That made them decide to buy the property and start an orphanage. They almost didn't get the place. Someone had just bought it when Chuck and Charla went to the land office. Charla became upset and left the office. A man was outside the office as well. He asked her why she was upset and Charla explained why. It turned out the man she was talking to was the guy who had just bought the property and after hearing that Charla was going to start an orphanage, he decided to return his contract for the property so she could buy it. We heard many other stories like this how God provided for the orphanage. There is also a good story of how the property came to grow Macadamia trees. They normally can't grow in the area because of the frost in the winter. Lots of trees were planted after the orphanage began, but only a few survived. The staff at the orphanage decided to replant the ones that survived the winter. Now they have 3000 trees that produce 50-150 pounds per season. The nuts are really good. At the gift shop there we could buy macadamia nuts in different flavours. We got a chance to see where the nuts get taken to be dried and it takes over 2 weeks. That place is called Nut House (didn't see Clarke Griswald there) and the lady drying nuts was really cheerful and Darren and Lorne later said that this will be Jessica when she is older.

Today The orphanage has 88 kids, a doctors office that serves patients for free, a fire department, a mechanic shop, and a day care. Even if you don't like to play with kids there is somewhere you can serve.

Afterwards we went to a local market to shop for traditional Mexican goods like ponchos and bracelets. There was Lots of little kids trying to sell us bracelets for a dollar and it was hard to keep saying no.

We went back to the base camp for lunch and then to the beach for baptisms. Rudy, Curtis, and

Mike got baptized and that was great. It is cool for them to get baptized in the ocean and to see them declare their faith. Mike and Curtis shared their testimonies (Rudy had shared his at the beginning of the trip). You will hear them and see the baptisms we share at Church on the 27th. Later we had communion on the beach and we sang a few songs.

For supper we went back to the famous taco stand and it was delicious. We got back to base camp and the youth shared what God taught them and how they will apply that to their lives when they got home. You will also hear about that on the 27th.

To more we leave Vincente Guerrero in the morning and stop by La Bufadora (the Blow hole) to barter and have some fun. We will be in San Diego in the evening. Please pray for safety as we travel, as well as Beatriz and her family and those who work at Heart Ministry. Thanks.

So long for now.

Derek Krahn.

Today we started our trip home we made a usual stop at the blowhole where we got a chance to use our bartering skills on all the backpacks and ponchos. After that we continued our journey to the border where we waited for about 4hrs this wait never feels very long though because it's kept entertaining because you can buy anything you want from a puppy to a poncho all while sitting in the vans after we finally made it through we went to Denys for a dinner and tomorrow we head off to the Padres game .

Tyler Frose

