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SERVING WITH YOUTH WITH A MISSION
IN ENSENADA, MEXICO

A new look newsletter and a new job...

A New Programs Director for Ensenada

It is hard to imagine but I have now completed two years of serving with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Mexico. I have greatly enjoyed the challenges of field ministry where I have seen incredible successes with the Homes of Hope program. Hundreds of new families have received new homes, lives changed and a growing team of capable staff.

I was recently asked to take over, and subsequently accepted the position of

Programs Director here at the YWAM Ensenada campus. This is a key role that oversees the two main programs, Homes of Hope & Mission Adventures and several other outreach programs.

Over these last two months I have been concentrating on training up new leaders for the Homes of Hope program, providing guidance and leadership to the busy summer Mission Adventures season and developing strategies for the coming year.



Homes of Hope

Bigtha Rubi was a 16 year old teenager when Youth With A Mission came and built her family a new home. She remembers everything about those two days when the team came and recalls saying that one day she too would like to be a missionary and help people receive a new home. Today she has taken over the Home of Hope program, in Ensenada, and is now leading the effort to seeing hundreds of families be changed, just like her own ten years ago. Following from the foundations that I have laid, Bigtha now has the responsibility to lead 50 or more teams each year through this program as they build another 150 families a new home that will provide hope for their future.



Mission Adventures

Mission Adventures is an amazing short-term outreach experience for groups. Teams can make a difference in the world by going on outreach. They have the chance to see God change the lives of those they minister to, and they will see God change their lives as well.

Twenty-two groups have brought nearly 400 youth to Ensenada for the summer Mission Adventures program of training, outreach and evangelism. During each of the ten day programs, lead by our enthusiastic summer staff, the teams have completed training and then were sent out, ministering alongside local Churches in the Ensenada area.

Sunday afternoons were exciting times as all the teams joined together for a combined outreach in a local park. This was a time about ministering to the local community, the young kids

played in the bounce house, the women had their nails painted, teams played board games with the local youth and a football match. A Mexican doctor and dentist partnered with us to also provide consultations. At the end of the afternoon the teams got the opportunity to show off their dramas with a local pastor giving the message.

Each team has been assigned to work with a different Church, and many have also visited orphanages, rehab centers, and other ministries in the same colonia, or neighborhood, as their Church. The students perform dramas, do crafts, and play games with the kids, and

also do some painting and construction at times, but most importantly, they share the love of Jesus with those who may not know Him.

In 2009 we are starting a new phase of the Mission Adventures program where two of the spring and two of the summer cycles will be bilingual. By being able to offer the program in both English and Spanish, simultaneously, we hope to achieve a bond where both local teams and teams from the US & Canada, join together and form friendships and ministry ties that extend for years to come.

NIGHT OF MISSIONS: Engaging the local community



Each year we seek out local Churches for our Mission Adventures groups to engage in ministry with. This year we are going to invite the Churches, which we work with, to come to the Ensenada campus and join us for a 'Night of Missions'. Taking the program that we did years ago on the Caribbean Mercy, this will be a time for raising up the local Church, to not only partner with us, but also consider missions for themselves. Each month we will choose a theme to promote. The first will be a thank you event for the success of the summer programs, future events will focus on; the follow up of families that we build for, recruiting for the Discipleship Training Schools, raising up local youth for the spring program and future outreach opportunities.



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Praise Items

For the new position that has been given to me.
For the Guatemala Staff conference and being able to connect with staff from other YWAM bases.
For the opportunities that God has given me.
For Daniel who has just left us to join the staff of YWAM South Africa in training for Frontier Missions.

Prayer Requests

For strength in my new role.
For Bigtha as she steps into running Homes of Hope.
For the opportunity to take Homes of Hope to the Dominican Republic.
For greater cooperation with local Church and the Night of Missions events.

Support: As a full time volunteer, I receive no salary for my work. If you wish to help support my work with YWAM and the worldwide Christian community that we are called to serve, please consider supporting YWAM with your prayers and donations.

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Your support to YWAM in prayer and by your donations is gratefully received. Thank you.