

Greetings to my friends and staff members:

We have entered the two weeks of Easter vacation. This week my girls and I, along with teen girls at the ranch, went on a fabulous vacation to Ensenada for three days. We were blessed by the privilege of staying in the house the ranch owns in Ensenada. (I will need to send pictures at a later date, as my computer with the pictures is ill at this time)

Friends, I would like to share with you that I was invited to go on a mission trip to Zacatecas, Mexico to work with the Huicholi Indians. The team will be leaving the end of June and be re-turning mid-July. I was honored by the invitation because my heart belongs to the Lord, and I would very much like to go help out and share my Father's love. I have not made a decision yet, but since I want to do God's will, I am in prayer about this opportunity.

I am unsure as to how I would be actually helping the Zacatecas, but I do know whatever it is I will do my best and finish whatever I set my mind and heart to. Most likely we will be working with children as we teach Bible stories and share the word of God!

Among the Huicholi Indians in Zacatecas there is a small but growing population of believers in Christ. Tragically, those who accept the message of the gospel and convert to Christianity are harshly persecuted. Individuals and families become excommunicated and are run out of their villages. They are forced to leave their homes and land; some have been severely beaten and even killed for accepting Christ.

Our purpose in going is to support Hermano Fito, a missionary pastor who works with the Huicholi people and to help him financially and physically in the building of a home for a Huicholi family who has been forced off their land.

I ask for prayer for guidance as I will be making a decision within a week or so. My heart is to serve and to share the Good News to all, and it would be an honor to go. I will keep you posted about my decision and the details of the mission trip as I learn more about it. Thank you and God bless you all.

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