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Still in Chicago



Proverbs 19:21 says, “Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails”. I had originally planned to be back in Mexico on January 17, 2009 and planned to have two gals from San Diego to be at my home in Cuernavaca on February 10-14 . I had also planned to host a gal from WA state during the month of March to help her find a Spanish school as she has a growing heart to minister to Hispanics. Instead, the Lord changed all my plans. I suddenly found myself in a Hispanic Bible Seminary in Chicago studying *How to Speak in Public without Fear* and *Interpersonal Relationships and Conflict Resolution*.



I thought I would be back in Semilla de Mostaza in Cuernavaca and for now I find myself in a Hispanic congregation in a section of Chicago called Logan Square. I had distributed the Bible study materials to all my Bible study groups back in December 2008 and told everyone we will promptly start the week of January 19 and now, I find myself in a completely different group of women from different parts of Latin America. Wow! The Lord completely changed my plans, my location, my church, my home and my circle of influence. He is Lord! He is able to do what He wants. I just was not prepared to deal with all of the changes at once. This was not my choice. My internist and infectious diseases doctor refused to give me a medical clearance to go back to Mexico for a year for medical

reasons.



Still a Missionary

As I talk to different friends about what is going on with me, one friend commented, “Angie, you were a missionary before you left for Mexico, you will be a missionary here in Chicago, when does one stop being a missionary?” As I think about what she said, I realized my location and my plans changed but my purpose in life remains the same: To give glory to God by helping fulfill the Great Commission using the spiritual gifts and passion He has given me for evangelism and discipleship. In Mexico, I was doing this using Spanish as the language of communication to evangelize and disciple Mexican women but now, being in Chicago, I am meeting women from Guatemala, Argentina, Colombia, Mexico and other parts of Latin America. Knowing Tagalog, my native tongue from the Philippines, the Lord has given me many opportunities to meet up with fellow nurses I used to work with and share spiritual truth with them. Being fluent in English, the Lord has opened many doors for me to continue to minister to International students learning English as their second language through my church here, the Chicago International Evangelical Free Church. There is a prayer of Betty Stam that I pray every morning that says, “Lord, I give all my plans, personal purposes, all my desires and personal hopes and accept your will for my life. I give you my life, my time, my all to be yours forever. Fill me and seal me with your Holy Spirit. Use me as you please, send me where you want me, work out all your will for my life, no matter how much it costs, now and forever”. Betty Stam was murdered in China. It cost her life to fulfill the call of God. I think of John 12:24: “I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.” It is tough for me to emotionally accept that I will be in Chicago for a year but I realize the Lord is actually answering my prayer, “to send me where He wants me” and for now, it is Chicago.



Still Waiting

Many people are asking me, "Do you think you will go back to Mexico?" My honest answer is, "I do not know. God knows, but at this point He has not revealed that to me." I am open and willing to go back to any Spanish speaking country but there are so many Spanish speaking groups right here in the U...S. The only thing the Lord has revealed to me at this point is to trust Him. Psalm 16:11 says, "You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand". John 17:3 says, "Now, this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth". These are the verses that God is teaching me at this time: to enjoy His presence, to believe in Him and in His Son, and to be **STILL** and know that He is God. I was an intensive care unit (ICU) nurse for many years. I love action! I love to be on the go! Waiting, sitting still, and listening quietly to God's soft voice are very tough for me.

Please pray. I do not want to miss God's best for my life because I failed to listen.

As always, thank you for your love, prayers and support.

Happy Easter!