

## Cuernavaca News

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Dear Ministry Partners:

Summer has been flying by. I hope you are all having a great summer!

I remember the promise God gave me back in 2003 when I knew He was calling me to be a missionary. The verses in Acts 18:9,10 are true. "Do not be afraid, I will be with you..." Indeed, He has been with me from Day #1 and I know He will continue to bless and guide. Let me tell you some of my summer blessings.

I was in Colorado Springs, CO from July 6-9 for the *Women of the Harvest* (WOTH) furlough retreat. It was a great time to connect with 99 women working in 52 countries. I especially selected all the workshops and small groups for single women working cross-culturally. What a blessing from the Lord to see His hand, hearing how He brought many women to the conference! What a special treat to be notified by the WOTH staff that someone from Colorado donated \$700 so that I could go to the conference! **(Blessing #1 Provision of \$700 from someone I do not even know.) Praise the Lord!!!!**

My small group during the retreat was a special blessing. I shared heart to heart with these six women during those four days together. I did not know anyone before I came to the retreat. Now, the Lord has blessed me with special friends who understand what it means to be a single missionary in a foreign field. **(Blessing #2 New friends I met during the WOTH conference.) Praise the Lord!!!**



**My small group at the WOTH furlough retreat**

I learned a lot from these ladies. My small group leader, Joy from Canada, was a special blessing! I learned the importance of silence during our discussion times. We had a moment of silence during one of our evening discussion groups. What a precious moment that was! One of the gals working in Africa for the last three years was able to share her biggest challenge when we were all silent for a few minutes. How inspiring to see how the Holy Spirit works! **(Blessing # 3 Learning from a seasoned small group leader.) Praise the Lord!!!**

Immediately after the retreat, I was waiting in the lounge for a ride to Denver. I remembered that one missionary who used to work with the Navigators in the Philippines lives in Colorado Springs. I called the operator to try to get re-connected with Ruth Holmsten, and sure enough we were able to talk while I was waiting. What a gift to get re-connected to someone who gave her life to evangelize and disciple many young women! I was the fruit of her labor in the Philippines. **(Blessing #4 Praise God for missionaries who sacrificed their lives so that Filipinos like me would have a chance to hear and respond to the gospel!)**

After the WOTH retreat in Colorado Springs, I went to Denver to visit Laurie, a friend from Bible school. **(Blessing #5 The Lord provided a ride that day to Denver through another missionary working in the Philippines. Small world! Great Big God!!!)**

I had a good reunion with Laurie, her son, Mac, and her husband, Mark. We had a wonderful time recalling who's where and what everyone is doing twenty years after graduating from Moody Bible Institute! **(Blessing #6 Precious moments with long time friends and seeing God's hand in our lives! Way to go, God!)** Laurie, Mac & I also hiked one of Denver's beautiful mountains and just enjoyed God's beautiful creation. **(Blessing #7 The time to enjoy God's beautiful creation, eyes to see them, good health to go hiking and a great time with a good friend. What a good God we serve! He loves to bless us all the time).**



**My girlfriend, Laurie**

**With Mac, Laurie's son**

From Denver, I flew to Chicago on July 11 for a medical test and dental visits. I also needed to talk to my medical insurance provider to try to settle a previous bill. After seven months of waiting, praying, calling back and forth to the medical providers and insurance carrier, the Lord gave me favor. They will pay the \$7,500 bills I incurred last December as my medical condition was not a pre-existing case. Hallelujah!!! **(Blessing #8 The Lord moving in my favor with these medical bills.)**

Once again, the Lord proved His faithfulness. I know Psalm 23:1 "The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want" is true, but seeing God working mightily this way makes it experientially true for me. Jehovah Jireh is **one of His names!!!** What a blessing to know Jehovah Jireh personally!!!

Friends, I am running out of time and space mentioning all my blessings this summer. There are many more: God's provision of a good dentist here in Chicago who does not charge me because of his heart for missions. God's provision of a Christian endodontist who gave me a 25% off for the root canal he did on my tooth. God's provision of a car when a friend lost his parking spot in downtown Chicago allowing me to use his car to go to my dental appointments. A friend canceling on another friend for a vacation so I get to fill in for a South Haven, MI cottage vacation a few blocks from the beach. Precious time with my church here in Chicago. Opportunities to interact with friends seeking God's will for their lives in missions. I am finding out that if we step out in faith, He will prove Himself faithful!

Thank you for your faithful prayers, love and support. You get to hear how our Great God is working! Lord willing, I fly back to Mexico on August 14 to begin an exciting fall ministry season.

Sincerely,

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John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing". Pray for me to daily abide in Christ. Thank you.