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Dear Ministry Partners:

Greetings from rainy Cuernavaca! It's been raining almost every day since I got back here on August 14. Thank God there is not a lot of dust.

Thank God the flowers are in full bloom and the hills look green. Thank God I live in the part of the city with a higher elevation so I have not had any flooding problems. Many parts of Mexico are under water, especially those close to the coast. Thank God my allergies are in full control as the rain seems to dampen all the pollen I would otherwise react to.

Our ministry season is in full swing. The Women's ministry is gearing up for a joint retreat with other Calvary Chapels in the area, set for October 29<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the retreat is \$130.00 per woman. My small group started baking cookies and selling them to help two women who cannot afford to go. Praise God for the fellowship that transpires when we bake these cookies together! I am praying for the Lord to multiply our efforts. We made \$12.00 for the first batch of cookies we baked. We have a long way to go! Please pray. I think of the small boy who donated his two fish and five loaves of bread. Jesus fed 5,000 with this boy's packed lunch. Let us see what amazing thing God does with our cookie baking and selling.

I started my first Bible study for the season on August 24 with six ladies in attendance. Two more showed up the following week. I am encouraged to see spiritual growth in some of the ladies manifested by their desire to serve in the church. It is thrilling to know that the Lord is using our group to reach out to others. I was excited to hear that while I was in the U.S., one gal I will call H., came to know the Lord after attending a birthday party I organized. She ended up attending our 6-week new believers' class. Now that I am back she decided to join my small group. Praise the Lord!

I am amazed that since I am not able to take mission trips outside of Cuernavaca for health reasons, the Lord is bringing many ladies to my path that are from other parts of Mexico. Many of these ladies come to Cuernavaca to find work. They are away from their families and often have only Saturday evenings and Sundays as their days off. I have opened my apartment for the weekends for these ladies to pray and study Scriptures together. It is interesting to see how women guests usually come as a result of friendships with the faithful gals attending my Tuesday Bible study. I originally started a Saturday prayer meeting for my group, but it is turning out to be an evangelistic meeting because often one brings another woman coworker. We eat lunch on Saturdays and then pray together. Just last Saturday night, one gal who works for a cell phone company was training a new person from Cuautla (city about 2 hours outside Cuernavaca). She knew I was having a prayer meeting in my apartment. She called me to ask if she could bring another person. I said, "Sure." This new woman she brought, I will call N. was very needy financially, emotionally and spiritually. Our prayer group ended up sharing the

gospel with N. and invited her to come to our church. She came to church last Sunday and hopefully she joins our Tuesday Bible study group. It is exciting to see what God does with our small efforts. Pray for N's spiritual growth. Praise God she found work in Cuernavaca but most of all Jesus found her!

Thank you for your faithful love, prayers, and support. I will not survive here without you lifting me up before His throne.

Sincerely,

Angie Velasco