

Sandra's

News

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"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." Psalm 16:11

I've been working through a study on the Fruit of the Spirit, and this past week I've been focused on "Joy". What a fitting word for the Easter season. **Did you experience joy as you celebrated Christ's victory over death? What a cause for celebration!!** I've been a part of many celebrations in the last couple of weeks: A baby shower, a bridal shower, a wedding, various birthday parties...It seems like life in Mexico is never dull, and there is always cause to celebrate!



A week and a half ago we celebrated the completion of a 2-week construction project which involved a church team from Manitoba working with one of our churches here in Guadalajara. There was joy over the work that had been done, and for new relationships that had been formed. **I experienced great joy as I saw the Body of Christ, coming together from 2 different cultures, with the desire to serve one another.**



These are big moments...obvious moments to celebrate! And we were created to take joy in moments such as these!!

***“The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.”
1Kings 19:11-12***

Guadalajara has emptied out as people have gone to their hometowns or to the beaches to celebrate the holiday. **As life has slowed down, and the city has gotten quieter, I have been challenged to look for God in the “gentle whisper.”** It’s easy to get caught up in the big moments, in the excitement of activity. But where is God when the pace slows down?

Where is God’s gentle whisper as I meet up with friends for coffee? Friends who struggle to understand God’s plan and direction for their lives. Girls who are more attracted to the “things of this world” than to God’s peace. **What does God want to whisper to them?**

I’ve seen God’s gentle whisper in the lives of our youth as some are stepping forward in faith towards ministry opportunities. Four of our youth will participate in our month-long leadership training program this summer (HADIME ACTION). Alfonso is one of these youth, and has sensed God calling him into ministry, and possibly into missions. **There are many fears that come with this, but one step at a time he is moving forward to discover what God has for him.** His willingness to surrender his own desires (become economically stable, support and care for his family, etc.) inspires me!



I’ve experienced God’s gentle whisper even as I do some spring gardening. I’m often amazed at how long these plants last when we go for so many months without rain. And yet God knows what they need, and He created them in a specific way to last through the dry season. **How much more does He know ME and care for ME!! What is God’s gentle whisper saying to you?**

Thank you so much for your continued prayers, your emails of encouragement, and financial support. **I have reason to celebrate as I see my MBMSI financial support level continue to rise. Currently it is at 91%! Please let me know if you’d like to get involved in any way, or [contact MBMSI](#).**

Celebrating with you,

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