

Sandra's

News

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"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:1

This passage in Ecclesiastes goes on to describe 28 contrasting seasons that we pass through. As we have entered a busy summer season of hosting teams, I feel like I could add **"a time to rest, and a time to work hard"**. We finished a hectic week hosting a team of youth from my home church (Ridgewood EMC), and two days ago we received our second team (ACTION) who will be with us for the next month. In total we will be hosting 4 different teams, involving 50 people. They will help us out with 3 VBS-style camps, 2 sports camps, and 1 English camp.



"A time to plant and a time to uproot" (vs. 2); "a time to tear down and a time to build" (vs. 3). This is indeed a time of planting and building as these teams come to help us draw new people into our local churches, build relationships with kids and families, and encourage our youth. Along with these 4 teams we are running a program called "HADIME ACTION" which involves 4 of our local youth who have a desire to use their gifts and to be disciplined in leadership throughout the summer. They will be involved with each of these teams and ministries.



The Ridgewood youth helped to run VBS programs for children from one of the indigenous groups here in Mexico (Purepecha). They worked hard running programs in 3 different locations in the city, and it was beautiful to watch them **building relationships and planting seeds** among these children who have experienced deep poverty, rejection, and discrimination.

“A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance” (vs. 4). During one of the camp programs we were playing a game of “Flying Dutchmen” when a 2-year old boy fell and hit his head on the concrete. A few of us had the opportunity to spend a good chunk of the night going from hospital to hospital with the family. It turned out he had a fractured skull and a blood clot they were very concerned about. This family had only been in the city for 2 days, looking for work. And they were very scared and worried about what would happen. I have to admit this was a stressful situation for me to be in as well! And yet God was with us, helping me to stay calm, and allowing us to extend love to this family and show them a bit of God’s grace in the midst of a painful situation. **Thanks to those of you who knew about this and were praying!**

I visited the family a couple of times in the hospital and had the opportunity to pray for them and share with them about the peace of God in the midst of trial. I was clinging desperately to that same peace!! On Tuesday they were released from the hospital and have decided to return to their hometown where their son, Ramon, can get the rest and care that he needs. **Praise God for Ramon’s healing, and continue to pray for this family that they will recognize God at work in this situation.**



Please pray for us as we discern ongoing ministry and involvement with the Purepecha people here in Guadalajara. God has a beautiful plan for this people group, and we want to see many come to know Him.

Please also continue to pray for our teams and ministries this summer. That seeds would be planted. That we would have much reason for laughing, and little reason to weep. Many reasons to dance, and few reasons to mourn. **But above all, that God would be glorified in all “seasons” that we go through this summer.**

Thank you so much for your continued prayers, your emails of encouragement, and financial support. **I have reason to dance and laugh as I see my MBMSI financial support level continue to rise. I am currently at 100%!** Please let me know if you’d like to get involved in any way, or [contact MBMSI](#).

Celebrating with you,

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