



Because some of the best mornings in the office are spent making silly faces with His precious children!

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Cerca de Ti

"But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works."
Psalm 73:28

We sing a song most Sunday's called *Cerca de Ti*, *Señor*; in English, *Nearer to Thee My God*. This song has become a daily prayer for me to be closer to Him because just as the Psalm says, "It is good to be bear God!" Amen.

While there are certainly too many of His works to name them all, I will share a few of them from September. The youth group (Jóvenes) continues to be one of the clearest ways I see God working. He is bringing new faces to us and spreading the desire to know Him into the teens in the group. I praise Him for that. We had a lock-in at a church about an hour away in the beginning of September, and it was awesome! A little overwhelming for some of our teens, but so encouraging for me to see so many jóvenes and

volunteers gathered together to worship and fellowship. We leave for camp with our teens tomorrow. I can not wait to see God move and work during our 3 days together.



**The mist in the moutains
makes me feel like I'm in Heaven.**



The sweetest rat killers



Visiting schools with a nursing group

Still Happenings...

- Casa Materna visits
- Assisting the school director
- Bi-Weekly Spanish lessons
- Going to schools
- Bible Curriculum Library is being used weekly
- Weekly classes with One Child Matters mentors
- Youth Group involvement
- Hijos del Rey

New Happenings...

- Visiting the OCM centers to continue sharing the idea of learning stations
- Our Rat Patrol (two kittens)

The Sunday afternoon program, Hijos del Rey (Children of the King), has also taken off. God is working in the lives of the children who come to spend an hour with us singing, praying, learning a Bible story and playing games. I see Him working as I see some of the tough attitudes softening, some patience levels growing, the leaders gaining confidence in their abilities and ideas. Thankfully I also see him working with our volunteers that come week after week to pass out tickets, make snacks for the kids, or just sit on the floor and sing.

Tuesday night English class with the kids at church brought many ways for God to work as I ended up teaching class for a few weeks. While it is English class, it's really Bible class for 4-15 year olds with some new English words related to our Bible story. So most of the class needs to be in Spanish which was definitely challenging but so much fun after my fear subsided! We are learning *Glory to God* in English and Spanish and studying the miracles of Jesus. Seeing a lot of familiar faces join us from Sunday's program has been a great encouragement. Also, these children have a special way of helping me with my Spanish- they yell the right word when I say the wrong one.

I wish I could share more clearly. I wish everyone could come visit to meet these fellow servants of the Gospel who have become my family. I wish I could explain the ways God is working in so many families by growing His spirit of love. Being close to Him is exciting. His work is exciting. I pray that you are drawing close to Him and looking for His fingerprints. I promise you He is working... In your life and in the lives of those around you. So ask someone, "How are you? How do you see God working?" I also pray the answers surprise you. I pray His works through His children bring you joy and hope for the days to come.



**BIG smiles because we
love school and cookies**

Prayer Requests

- Jóvenes Camp- October 15-17- that all the things we do and say point the teens to Jesus
- Continual wisdom from God as we are always deciding which direction to go help this week
- For the health of the North Americans working down here, we seem to be going through a season of sickness
- Hope as there are many challenges with new ideas
- Deepening of friendships- as I am able to speak and understand a little more