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A day on the beach in my backyard reminds me what the Bible says in Psalm 139, "How precious to me are your thoughts, oh God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand ..."



Mission Adventures - Wake Up Dead Man: A Cycle in the Life of an MA Staff & Student

Mission Adventures in Ensenada is a very exciting and awe-inspiring adventure; just ask any of the churches that joined us during our 5 Cycles this summer. Teams traveled from over North America to participate in this life-changing program hosted by YWAM San Diego/Baja. Students arrived ready to serve on Monday, July 2, 2007. They were thrust into the training phase starting with a bit of orientation that was filled with joy and laughter. During our morning sessions students heard from our speaker for the week. They were able to talk about many topics that students across North America struggle with on a daily basis. During our evening sessions God moved mightily. Students experienced Him like they never had before. On Tuesday, everyone was able to participate in several team-building games. Tuesday also held the opportunity to meet the local church and student ministry that they would be working with during the next 10 days. Each team and local church would be ministering side-by-side all over Ensenada, encouraging each other in service. Wednesday and Thursday students were trained in creative arts ministry-tools to be able to use here in Ensenada as well as back home. Friday morning was host to Cultural Awareness. After a funny skit of what not to do on outreach, teams were able to put what they had learned all week into practice as they were sent out all over Ensenada to spread the Word through VBS, street evangelism, and painting projects. Sunday brought the teams ministry in the local church as well as the opportunity to experience La Bufadora, a local tourist attraction. We rounded out the week with Monday and Tuesday filled with lots of houses being built as well as open-air evangelism and ministry in the colonias.



"Make new friends, but keep the old; Those are silver, these are gold."
~ **Joseph Parry**

"But friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life, and thanks to a benevolent arrangement the greater part of life is sunshine."
~ **Thomas Jefferson**



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True Friendship Is Hard To Come By

I am so thankful to have some amazing friends both back home and in Ensenada. God has blessed me so much over the years with friends for a season and He continues to do so even in the middle of nowhere. I came to Ensenada last September not knowing a single soul but trusting that God has my best in mind at all times. I didn't understand it all but I knew that God was going to take care of me. I have always struggled with the whole friendship thing. I know that some of you who have known me my whole life are shaking your head in disbelief. "Not Sheril," you are saying, "she is so out-going

and so ____ (fill in the blank)." But alas, it is true. I still struggle with this feeling of not being wanted, of being unlovable. I know that this is not what God says about me. I know in my heart and in my mind that God loves me and He wants me. Since moving to Ensenada as a full-time missionary, God has blessed me with amazing roommates, Aubrey and Adrienne, who often think of me first and share their lives with me on a daily basis and tolerate me when I am SO unorganized. I praise God everyday for the friends that He has placed in my life both here and all over the world. AMEN!