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Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Mexico! As we stated in our last newsletter, we would like to introduce you to our national team that will be traveling with us to Cuba this summer to coordinate and speak at a youth camp.

This week we spoke with the Youth Director Representative for all the Hermanos en Cristo churches on the island. They are excited! The youth are mobilized and working hard to save to pay for their transportation and a small portion of the camp. They have 500 youth signed up to attend!

Pablo will be one of the main speakers during the night time conferences. Each of us that are going from Mexico will be giving two or three workshops, multiple times during the week. We are also coordinating and planning the organized games... a daunting task that requires lots of creativity!

Please meet our team:

Esteban
Youth Intern at La Gran Comisión



Esteban is 18. He has been a part of our lives for the last four years and is an amazing young man of tenacity, great leadership skills and a servant's heart. He loves Jesus!

Last year he studied in a music school and learned to play the guitar. He has helped Pablo with worship with the youth group and with the men's bible study. While we were in Cuba in April, he led the youth

group with both music and teaching. In a couple of months, he will begin his university studies with a major in Civil Engineering.

When asked why he wanted to go on this summer mission to Cuba he responded: "It's obedience. If God sends me to Chihuahua, to Cuba, to Colon... wherever He sends me, I will obey."

He asks that you pray:

- ◆ That we would all arrive safely to Cuba.
- ◆ That the project we are undertaking of leading a youth camp would be accomplished well.
- ◆ That God would bring many youth to the camp.
- ◆ That God would take care of each one of us.
- ◆ "I have never spoken to a large group of people that I don't know before and I would ask you to pray that God would help me as I teach my workshops."

Yanet
Youth Intern at La Gran Comisión

Yanet is a young lady who is an elementary school teacher and works with the youth alongside Pablo as well. She is a strong leader, a person of conviction who is solid in her faith in the Lord and loves to serve Him.



Several years ago, she lived at "Casa de las Mariposas", a college scholarship and residential program with a holistic approach to creating healthy women as leaders here in Mexico. She then came to live with us and has been with us for three

years.

When asked why she wanted to go to serve in Cuba she responded: "My plans never included a mission's trip. I thought of traveling as a tourist to many different places but when Pablo and Martha left for Cuba this year and Pablo left me responsibilities with the youth, my first response was 'NO'! I always tend to say no first, but then when I accepted the responsibilities given, something changed in me.

I think that it is time. I don't want to do my will. I want to go where God wants to take me."

She asks that you pray:

- ◆ "That God would give me knowledge and wisdom as I prepare to teach.
- ◆ "That God would be with me when I am teaching.
- ◆ "That I would learn what God has planned for me and that I would not deviate from the path that He has for me."

Bibiana

Adolescent Sunday School teacher at
Evangelical Church of Mexico &
Youth Event Assistant at La Gran Comisión



Bibiana "Bibi" is also an elementary school teacher and studied together with Yanet in college. For the past several years Bibi has helped us with weekend youth camps, as a youth counselor when we went on a mission's trip to

Colonet and has assisted with dramas and special activities for outreach events.

She is quiet on the outside, but bubbly and outgoing once she is in her element! She is a strong Christian and loves to serve anywhere that is needed.

When asked why she wanted to go to serve in Cuba she answered: "Because it is an opportunity to serve God and to obey His calling on my life. I have had several other opportunities and I have always said 'no' because of fear. But this time I want to say yes and to obey!"

Her prayer requests are:

- ◆ "That God would provide the means to get there.
- ◆ "That once there God would give me the words and that it wouldn't be me speaking, but Him.
- ◆ "That God would prepare the hearts of the young people that are going to attend the camp."

We are excited about taking a team from Mexico to serve. Pablo took teams from Mexico in 2007-2009 but since then we have not had the opportunity. We are meeting weekly to prepare

for our trip. It is quite different to go ourselves and work with an already established team and going with people that have not had this type of experience before. We are all going to be stretched as we teach, as we play games and lead...



Please pray for Pablo and I as we guide these young people in leadership.

Please pray for team unity

Pray for healthy bodies as we go during the hot season of the year and the three that accompany us haven't eaten Cuban food before and bodies will be adjusting to many things!

Please pray for all of us as we prepare our sermons and workshops.

Pray for our religious visas to come through.

Pray for the finances to cover the following needs:

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| • Religious visas | 600.00 |
| • Flights | 2,777.00 |
| • Housing | 900.00 |
| • Transportation in Cuba | 280.00 |
| • Student scholarships | 2,000.00 |
| • Water & misc. | 150.00 |
| • +Personal expenses | |
| | 7,000.00 |

