

## Hola from Guaymas

March already? I have a couple weeks with less on the schedule, so I best write before the next wave hits!

### Weather

Temperatures are rising and I hardly used my sweaters and winter clothes.

### In the News

- Right now they are fixing the street in front of my house as running water had significantly carved away at the paved road. So, like many roads that become major waterways when it rains, they have chosen to cement it. It's great for lasting improvement but takes a month plus to finish, leaving us searching for parking spaces on surrounding streets.
- Mexican cartel activity again hit the international news, somewhat exaggerated. While there was some scary things in a few select areas, it was not Mexico wide & life here went on as usual.

### Little Things that Count (Or not so little things)

- I'm so thankful for the local interest in the prison ministry. Keka, Magda, Julia, Rhonda, Debbie, Gail & Jazmina have all joined Astrid & me for special events.
- It always makes my day when someone from Canada/USA checks in with me with a quick note or phone call. Thank you, friends!
- Thank you to Jim & Joy (MGF) from the ladies of our International church for the beautiful photo/verse cards we used in a project to bless people in our community.
- I got a Christmas card in March! It may not be good for official things but I love that international mail means I celebrate special days over months!

### On My Calendar

#### What's been Happening?

- Christmas activities filled December – 2 kids posadas, ladies events with Michelle, a tea with the international church, gift bags, hot chocolate & cookies at the prison...
- January Blues at the prison was a hit again this year. But wow, it became significantly more work when **the number of ladies at the prison double in December**. For a person who really can't host more than 4 people in her home, planning a party for 65+ was exhausting. I'm so thankful for donations & people who came to help!
- Card-making has become a regular March activity in the prison & this year at Michelle's ladies group too. Thanks Gail for sharing your gifts with us!
- Street church continues. It feels right to spend Saturday morning sharing Jesus at the park. This time of year we are not only blessed with missions teams helping out but also more volunteers & more food! Thankfully - because we are also blessed with more guests. 96, 80, 94, 108 the last few weeks!
- The international church just finished the winter Bible Study called The Amazing Life of Jesus Christ. The workbook & teaching were good and the discussion groups brought different perspective that one may not have thought about.
- I loved the opportunity I had to lead quick mixer activities at the Bible study. Games that made us laugh, singing together, conversation cards, and a small community project were used to encourage relationship-building with God & each other.
- Brittany and little Javier come to my house 1/wk at least. She cleans a bit, helps me prep for craft projects and loves to bake. But the best is encouraging her as her faith grows amidst some challenging things in her life.

#### Upcoming:

- April & May always seem to bring lots of opportunities to connect – Spring, Easter, Children's Day. Mother's Day. Just to name a few.
- April 1-12 my friend Charmaine & a team will be coming from Brooks AB. They will be hosted by Casa de Esperanza here but I'm excited to accompany them as they do outreach projects in our community.



#### 1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.



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### January Blues

The 4th annual January Blues party was again a hit. With people transferring in, the number of ladies doubled since last year but there was still the same enthusiastic participation. Blue gifts, blue games, blue food but no blue moods. In a group this size, one resorts to numbers to keep order. But it was the perfect way to share with them that with Jesus we are not just a number. He has created us each with purpose and for relationship with Him. 



### Birthdays

What a joy to celebrate with those I love. High tea with Judy, brunch out with David & Wade, Spiderman party with 2 yr old Cristian. And a very yummy cake made by Nidia for David & the Dream Center crew. And... Gianna Nicole, a new little life, whose arrival was a rather scary miracle for Ibette. With each celebration representing a different circle of friendships built over the years here, I can't help but feel blessed.

Speaking of birthdays... my 65<sup>th</sup> is coming up in May.  Anyone want to come & celebrate with me? 😊




### My Christmas Guest (and my attempt at poetry)

'Twas the Sunday before Christmas when all thro' the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.  
Yummy baking all done, Decorations all hung  
Lights twinkling bright, like stars shining at night  
When suddenly bang, swoosh, what's that?  
Thought the screen door came a crazy black cat.  
Down the hall to the bedroom that cat he did race  
And wouldn't you know it, he found a hiding place.  
For five days Scaredy Cat has snuck in and out,  
There's no food, no attention so what's this about?  
Doesn't want new friends, he's hardly been seen  
Yet he doesn't want to leave it seems  
His nighttime exploring left a destructive trail  
And pooping in the house was his biggest fail.  
"You can't stay here, it's not your home  
You sneaky little Christmas gnome  
I'll call for reinforcements, one more night you cannot stay  
Just watch. We'll outsmart your sneaky ninja ways."  
Out of hiding he came, into action we flew  
An adventure for Brit and yes for me too.  
Not a quitter that cat but finally outsmarted  
Into the hall, a forced left turn & out the door he darted  
And I heard him meow as he went on his way  
"Feliz Navidad - I'll be back again someday."

True story! I was sick and didn't leave the house over Christmas but somehow my week didn't lack adventure.



### Photos

Kids Christmas Posada • Cat exploring damage • Piñatas made by prison girls • Card making • cementing my street 

### Last minute news:

My landlady informed me last week that she wants to move back into this house. So, I'm in the process of **looking for a new home** I'm thankful for a few leads already & I choose to see it as a new adventure. Yes, God has a plan for this too.



Happy Spring! Happy Easter!

 Heather

### Donation/Support News

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