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### FIRST MONTH IN MEXICO

During my first month in Mexico, I visited the states of Quintana Roo, Campeche, and Jalisco beyond my home state of Chiapas. In Quintana Roo, I witnessed along with Adonías's missionaries at a local hospital and shared the gospel with a family from Belize who spoke English. In another town about an hour away we spent almost a week with his missionaries, teaching children's ministry leaders how to teach Bible fundamentals and games.



In Campeche, the focus during the first week was teaching evangelism. We learned methods like Ray Comfort's style, sharing Bible stories, and asking inductive Bible study questions which point to Jesus.

The second week we went out in small groups to evangelize in the local towns. I got to share my testimony with the youth group and visit local pyramids with them.

In Jalisco, we visited various towns and met with other missionaries. My favorite



missionary was a man named Donald from Uganda. He uses David Guzik's, "Enduring Word" teaching. I also shared



my testimony at a drug and alcohol rehab center with boys as young as 11 and men as old as 60.



This state along with the surrounding states and area of Mexico is known as the Circle of Silence because of the

limited evangelism that takes place there. In some areas, the Christian population is less than 1%. Two of Adonías's missionaries are praying about staying there for the next two years or more.

In every place we go, we visit the homes of local believers to encourage them in God's Word, share a meal, and pray with them. A local pastor told me I had made a good impression with people because of the fact that I'm willing to stack chairs and clean with the people. From what he told me, it's very unusual to see an American do these things. Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care, right? Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves."

I'm back in Chiapas doing all of these things throughout the state and more. I'm still struggling with my Spanish, and it is very overwhelming at times. But it is a privilege to be here and to see what God is doing and how He uses others and myself in this place.

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### Prayer Requests

- Learn the language
- Have patience
- Combat Loneliness
- Continued provision
- Be used by God
- Trust God

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