



The Herbert Herald- Tristen Herbert—January

The Mission

Mexico City

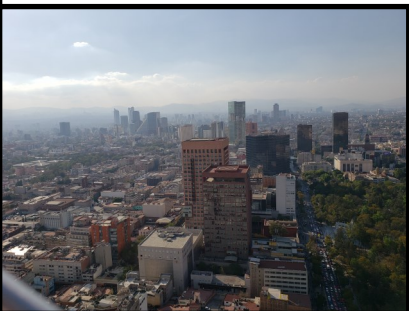
This is my second trip to Mexico City and I still was amazed. My first time visiting was on a mission trip with the Sunset youth group. And I have to say that I enjoyed this one a little more. On this trip I focused on trying new things. I felt more confident in myself and felt safe in my surroundings. The people were so friendly and we even had a few go out of their way to help us when we were obviously lost. We visited children homes for special needs, spent time with current missionaries, saw a few landmarks, and visited the center of Catholicism in Latin America the Basilica. All of it was a humbling experience, with the size of the city and the devotion of the Catholics. We witnessed the emotion of their prayers and the pain they subjected themselves to. Like walking on their knees to the cathedrals. It honestly triggers sympathy, in the sense that this is my mission, these people are my mission, this is why I've given my life to Christ, to tell people the truth of Jesus Christ. To let them know that there is a better way. I don't see that as an arrogant statement. I feel convicted that we are all called in in some compacity to share the good news, and not only share but to inform of the life of a disciple. As followers of Christ we are disciples, at least we strive to be. When we follow his commands and imitate his lifestyle we are fulfilling the role of a disciple. But that comes with the realization that we must continuously seek this path of a learner. All that to say I'm ready to go out into the world and share my Jesus.



We spent a day with a special needs children's home, playing with the kids and doing chores around the place to take a little of the workload. When we played with the kids we had to work around a language barrier, so when we played games they were in Spanish. Like Duck Duck Goose was Pato Pato Ganzo. And hot potato and red light green light were also in Spanish. All around it was a super cool learning experience to be around them and a blessing to see their joy to play with us.

I tried a lot of different foods while I was there, including Corn Fungus Quesadillas and Pig Stomach Quesadillas. Many Tacos were also consumed, and horchata was my favorite drink while I was there. We didn't eat any American food so we really got to taste the different flavors of Mexico.

If I had the chance to visit again I wouldn't hesitate. Mexico City is massive, in the top ten biggest cities in the world if I'm not mistaken. We focused on cultural training, but also on some team stuff. But my favorite was a day dedicated on personal time with God. It was a time of reflection and acknowledgement and really a needed time to focus on what I'm doing in my mission. There's a lot more to say about this trip and I hope to write about it on a Facebook post after mission term is done. Special thanks to my supporters, as always I couldn't have done it alone, God Bless.



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Camp Adventure

The purpose of camp adventure is to promote AIM high schoolers. It allows them to live with us for a few days to get a feel for what AIM life is like and the different opportunities it provides. During camp we receive lessons from guest speakers, live in the AIM apartments, socialize with the AIMers, and watch presentations about the different fields.

For the presentations we usually have a cultural dinner from the fields, and then a presentation prepared by AIMers who are getting ready for the fields, as well as Alumni who are sharing their experiences from their own fields.

The speaker this year for the weekend session was Thomas L. Thomas. A powerful preacher and former residential teacher at the college of biblical studies at SIBI. He is currently working with a congregation in New York. He talked about the idea of "Whatever", and the dangers it can have if allowed in our walk with Christ. The complacency and lack of growth are what kill a learning lifestyle. Not only did he apply it to that, but also he talked about how the gospel will always incur a response. You can't preach the Word and not get something. He opened our eyes to the complexity of God in creation, and gave us overviews of the teleological and cosmological arguments that we can make when we talk to others.

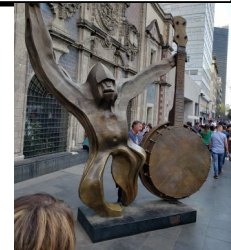
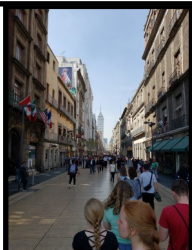
To have a place where we can bring in young men and women and challenge them with the idea of missions is fairly unique. We had a few who talked about being students next year and voiced their excitement. We put a lot into camp adventure to really show the kids what we do and to begin the talk of what they want to do. Camp Adventure has another session in March. A week long experience and more focused to the Junior and Senior age group who will be thinking more seriously about AIM. I didn't take any pictures but a photographer was with us and he will have the photos on the AIM Facebook.

Upcoming News

The biggest thing is challenge week, starting the first of February. This is a trip for the individual teams to go work with an assigned congregation and spend a week putting into practice what we've learned. It is geared towards the teams learning how to effectively work together and how the members do work. We will be on our own to an extent. We are given a coordinator for the week who will give us assignments and evaluate how we function. Other than that we take this trip by ourselves, no assistants or administration. We have had both of those on every trip and this is the first one like it.

I don't know where we are going yet, they haven't told us when they will reveal it. But I know they can be far at times, the farthest I've heard was in Kentucky. So please pray for safe travels for my class and fruitful trips. As far as details to what we'll do, you will have to wait for the next newsletter. I believe it's different for each place and thus I can't learn much from asking other classes.

On another note, we had a video call with the coordinator in Northern Ireland and a few members of the church there. It was mostly a meet and greet and them asking us questions. They seem very excited to receive us there and to begin preparations. We will begin Visa process's and other field prep. We've tried studying the culture as much as possible and familiarizing ourselves with the people we will live alongside. I don't even know how to fully prepare, nor do I feel like I can fully prepare. This is going to be an "as you go" experience. (Below are some more pictures from the Mexico trip.)



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