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Alex Larkin – Mexico City



Pastor Hector Pérez with the Tarasco kids

¡Saludos from Mexico City!

Alex's October Newsletter

I can't believe I'm already past the half-way point!

Last month I wrote about how I was developing some relationships at the Farmers Market that sets up in front of the church on Thursdays. Every week that I go out to spend time with the merchants I know, I am slowed down as I meet other merchants- a good problem! Most of these people are very cheerful and animated, but are not yet followers of Jesus. I'm grateful that God has given me this opportunity to be a witness for Him.

I also wrote about how our church is starting up a ministry with an indigenous community that lives in the city. Since then I have learned that the correct name for this group is *Tarasco*. I have started teaching basic English to the younger kids, and now the young adults have asked for classes as well! That will start on Saturday. You can read more about the Tarasco people and history here: <http://www.mexconnect.com/articles/225-the-tarasco-culture-and-empire>

My biggest challenge is planning youth group and the youth Sunday school every week, such that it is dynamic, fun, and relevant to their lives. I have named the group "Alia2," a hip way of writing the word for "united." Your prayers in this regard would be most appreciated.

I am grateful to have had some opportunities to see some more of the city. I have climbed the small mountain in the nearby park a few more times with the youth and David, mentioned below. Eric, a friend from California who I met in Ensenada came to Mexico City for a week, so I met him downtown to discuss our respective ministries, brainstorm and share insights.

A prayer answered? A young man named David may step in to take a leadership role with the youth. He majored in psychology and has a special gift of explaining spiritual principals in a clear, engaging way.

THANK YOU for all of your support! Without your partnership, none of this would be possible.

God bless you all,

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Prayer Requests:

Thank you for your prayers! Please continue to pray:

- That David would seek God's will in regards to his involvement with the youth ministry
- That I would be able to develop a deeper friendship with the pastor and his family
- That I would be able to connect with the youth at a deep level, and find ways to connect with other youth not yet involved with the church
- That God would use me to make a lasting positive impact on my community
- Praise! As of my most recent data, all pledges have come in on time.
- Praise! I sent my passport to Washington DC and got it back, complete with my Myanmar visa for the Global Studies Intensive! <http://fmcusa.org/fmwm/2013/06/21/global-studies-intensive-thailand-myanmar/>