



the collegiate chronicles

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the mexican connection

In March I took a group of American University students to Muna, Mexico. It was spring break and instead of lounging on the beach or sleeping in late, they went to share the love of Jesus by serving a church in the Yucatan.

It was a double blessing for me (no that's not a twin joke) that I also could lead this team with my brother, Dave as the host missionary. We broke him in as the first short-term team he is brought in (no pressure!).

It was one of our best trips yet! During the day, we did work around a church in Muna (just south of Merida where President

Bush was staying) which consisted mainly in painting the pastor's new home.

Before we left AU, I encouraged the team to be flexible. On the first day of painting, I'm glad I did. We had just finished the upstairs rooms and stood back to admire our concrete-colored masterpiece when Pastor Julian came to inspect the work.

"Good work," he said (in Spanish), "but that's the wrong color." We painted the same rooms again the next day and the team did it with a smile (the yellow did look a lot better!).

In the afternoons and the evenings the team put on services in the church and the community of Muna. We played music, shared testimonies, and presented the gospel every time, but the main attraction was the skits we performed. They loved to see us make fools of ourselves and we had a

lot of fun doing it!

One of the women in the church said, "You have no shame." When it came to sharing the hope of Jesus I'm glad we didn't.

It was amazing to see the impact we made on the church in such a short time. We spent significant times in prayer with many of the members and saw God build their faith and trust in him. God also used us to help them look at ministry in a new way. One of the church members told Dave that he could feel a new excitement growing!

Of course the students were effected as well. Kaia, a freshman, had never shared her testimony before. As she told her story before more than 100 children and their parents, she could feel the fear fall away. The trip to Muna will be remembered by Kaia and the rest of the team as a major catalyst for their growth in Christ!

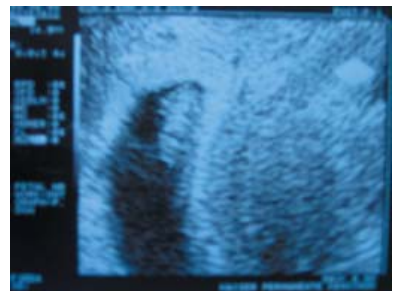
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I don't think I need to put a caption underneath this picture. Jen is 8 weeks pregnant! We'll be welcoming our 3rd child into the world in mid December. Other than a being a little surprised, Jen is doing great and our doctor confirms that everything is going along nicely.

Sam is very excited. When we asked him if we should have another baby, he thought for a while and then said, "Let's do it!" He's also convinced it's a girl and that we should name her Egypt. We'll have to think about that one.

Please keep us in your prayers as we make preparations for the new little one. Thanks!



pool party

On the Saturday after Easter we had a party at the university pool. While there were no drinks served with umbrellas, it was still quite the celebration. Two members of the fellowship, Faye and Jackie professed their faith in Jesus by getting baptized.

Picture this: A bunch of Chi Alphans standing @ the edge of the pool

singing songs to Jesus in the middle of a huge prospective student tour day. I would have loved to hear the explanation from the tour guide!

It was awesome to take part in such a special moment for them. I can't think of a better

way to spend a Saturday morning!



April helps me baptize Faye in the AU pool.