

Mission Term

Hi there! I'm back in Texas and started school again. Two days after I landed, we started what's called Mission Term Orientation. Mission Term Orientation is a day and a half long, and its an over exaggeration of the process of going through customs in another country. That same day we started Mission Term. Along with Mission Term comes a handful of rules: no driving, no texting, no eating out, no watching movies, and no Internet. What we are allowed to do: drive to our area churches and back, use our phones for calling only, eat dessert someplace only if we've eaten a meal already (or else its pretty much eating out), get on Facebook Friday and Saturdays and use the Internet for homework. I think the hardest part for me is not being able to use the Internet, but not being able use a car. For transportation, we rely on buses to get us where we need to get to, or walking. While this has been hard, I like the challenge of it. Its getting some of us ready for when

we go to our fields and won't have the luxury of driving everywhere or eating out whenever we want or have access to the Internet. From what I've heard, that's how Ukraine is going to be like. We really don't know when we'll be done with Mission Term, we do know that it'll be done before the big Camp Adventure starts. Camp Adventure will be a week where high schoolers get to come to Lubbock and see a little bit of what we do in AIM. They will be staying with us in our apartments and get to hang around us for a week. I'm excited to say that Beth and Jeff will be bringing a group from Alaska down for that, my brother Nistor will be with them. I'm very excited to see them all again ☺

Our team had to make a breakfast for our class and AIM staff called our Cultural Breakfast. At every table we had Prayer Reminders along with a team picture on it.



My teammate Heidi and I



My teammates and I are doing very well. Its an adventure getting to know the girls better and learning how they think and react and what they value the most. They are all definitely a blessing! We're getting closer as friends, teammates, and sisters in Christ. I hope you all get to meet them someday!

Thank you all for your support!! God is definitely working on me and in me!

In Him,
Beta Katkus

There's not much to say for this newsletter, I think its been a pretty laid back month. We went to Mexico as a class though, but that will have to wait until next month's newsletter.