

NEWS FROM CENTRAL TEXAS

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In Texas Once More...

Hello!! As most of you know, my team and I are still waiting for our Visas. Though we are having to submit more documents to our consulate, we have not heard of an estimate of when we'll get them.

At the moment, one of my girls teammates and I are in Arlington, Texas interning at the church here until we get our Visas. So far, we've been here for about a week and a half, and are very busy every day. Our main work has been doing office work for the church secretary and helping her out wherever we can. When we're not working in the office, we are: visiting people, helping set up for VBS, hanging out with the youth group, helping at a soup kitchen, joining in on a Bible study with the college group, running errands, or helping out with VBS. There is always something that needs to be done.



The group that attended MIA, the helpers, and the Mexican missionaries at their church. Before we took a picture together, we all sat down and tried to sing some Spanish songs together.



Bekah's grandparents took us to a Rangers vs. Minnesota Twins baseball game. Rangers won!

We usually work from 8:30 in the morning to 5 in the evening Mondays through Thursdays, and 8:30 to 11 on Fridays.

This week, we've been helping out with Missions In Actions (MIA), which is a 3 day VBS that focuses on teaching kids that they are missionaries, too. They come in the morning, have a lesson, and then make something to send to a missionary or a team of missionaries. At the end of every day, we all go somewhere and see a missionary in action, or go work alongside a missionary. One day, we went to a Christian after school program and got to see what they did. Another day, we went to a Spanish speaking church and helped them clean up their church. The last day, we went around Arlington passing out cold water bottles to people.



This was at the Christian after school program that we went to visit. An art teacher had drawn this on a wall in their playground. And this is what they continually tell the kids that come there. They offer help with school subjects and teach them about God.

This is on the run down side of Arlington, where almost every place and house we passed had caged their windows.

Now, we are staying with Bekah's grandparents (Hal and Virginia Pendergraft). I consider that a blessing in itself. Her grandparents have been missionaries to Japan for 17 years, and have also been missionaries in England and Ukraine. They've traveled all over and bring back something from wherever they go, whether its blankets from Ecuador, or kimonos and tea sets from Japan, or something from Mexico. They are world travelers. Their house is kind of like a museum, almost everything has a story behind it. Did I mention that Mr. Pendergraft can speak Japanese, Russian, and Spanish?? Impressive! Overall, they are very dedicated Christians. Its so encouraging to see that they don't have to tell anyone that they follow Christ, they show that they follow Christ.

Thank you all for your spiritual and financial support! Please continue to pray for my class as they are out teaching Jesus and for my team as we wait for our visas. God bless you all!

AlMing in Arlington, Texas,

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