

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.'" Matthew 9:37-38



## News from Nathan & Julissa Cedarland Serving In Mexico

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### Getting Started In Navolato

December 2006

Greetings! We arrived in Navolato, Sinaloa on November 1st and are now settled into our new house here. It consist of three rooms (bedroom, living room, and kitchen), the bathroom is detached from the house and can be found off the back patio.



Our House

### Our Ministry

We only had a few days to settle in before diving in to full-time ministry. Our work here so far has mainly been preaching, teaching and evangelizing. We are spending part of our time in a small village, outside of town, called El Caimancito. There, Julissa is teaching Bible lessons to kids two evenings a week and I am preaching in the small church there on those same evenings (Sundays and Thursdays). We are also ministering with the pastor throughout the week, evangelizing and visiting people who have expressed interest in the gospel, or who are in need of encouragement.



Preaching to a small group in El Caimancito

### Ministry Highlights

While here in Sinaloa, we've had many awesome opportunities to share about the Lord Jesus and His love. On the 16th we had an evangelistic outreach in the home of some of the Christians here in town. They invited people from their community to come and watch a Christian film as well as hear a short message, which I had the privilege of giving. Several people came and heard the gospel, and although no one, as far we know, was saved; many expressed interest. We will continue to work in that area. Julissa and I have also been working with the small group of youth from the church. We hope to get them more involved in the ministries that we are doing so that they can continue on after we leave.



Julissa with some of the kids from her Bible class

### Learning a New Culture

We have discovered that the culture of Sinaloa is very different in many ways from that of Mexico City. In general, the people here are not as warm and polite; they seem to be more abrupt, loud, and outspoken. Although they are very kind people it is not as exaggerated as in Mexico City. The Spanish here is also different. There are many dissimilar words, which when spoken with their strong costal accent can make understanding a bit of a challenge. Sinaloa has a dark history of drug trafficking. This has caused many social and family problems in the region. It's said that many of the illegal drugs shipped into the U.S. are grown here.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support. We pray that you will have a wonderful Christmas filled with the blessings of Christ our Savior,  
In His Name,

*Nathan and Julissa*



Celebrating my birthday with friends from church

**Praise The Lord!**

- ⇒ For numerous opportunities to share the message of God's love with others
- ⇒ For the friendships we have begun with many of the young married couples from church
- ⇒ For the health and strength He gives to us each day
- ⇒ For the financial contributions that continue to come in and for those who have given them

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**Please Pray**

- ⇒ That God would help Julissa as she prepares her Bible lessons, and me as I prepare for at least two or three messages a week
- ⇒ That The Lord would be with us as we share about Him and that He would go before us to prepare the hearts of the people
- ⇒ That He would give us more opportunities, and wisdom in reaching out to and encouraging the youth and younger couples
- ⇒ That God would bless our marriage, and give us strength and protection as we serve Him together



Julissa and me in front of the church in Navolato

*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:23*