

# Joie's XA Journeys

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## Won't you be my PAentine?

We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Valentine's Day event called "PALentines". The event was for our students to bring their pals or a date to gather for a celebration of community and encouragement. The night full of games, food, laughs, and lots of love! (Pictured Left: Shauna and I at the photo booth)



## El Puente

Pictured Left: 3 of the Uconexion students and I at El Puente after a small group I had the privilege of leading.



## Patio, Praise, and Worship

This semester a new picnic area was constructed in the middle of campus. Two weeks ago, our usual Thursday night meeting was "booted" out of the campus theatre for an Alumni event. Knowing in advance that this was happening, Pastor Matt, Jacki, and I began praying that the weather would cooperate so we could use the new picnic area. The day started off dreary and cloudy then the rain moved in. Like hard rain! Prayers continued and around 5:30pm, the rain dried up and we were able to set up the praise and worship on the student patio! God did some very special things in the hearts of some of our students that night as they courageously stood in the middle of their campus worshipping and interceding for the Spirit of God to move across our campus! (Pictured Left: God being worshipped that night on the patio)

## I'm Leaving on a Jet Plane!

It is with great peace and excitement that I get to share with you that I am transitioning to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic! After 3 short term trips there this past year, God has called me to give a year there and I am answering the call! I have worked alongside missionaries, Jamie and Berly Bello, during my trips there and I have watched as God has pioneered Chi Alpha at Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo. In a few short months, Jamie and Berly will transition back to the States for their required furlough, leaving the ministry without their leadership. This is where I come in. I will serve as a Campus Missionary Associate to oversee operations of Chi Alpha (Uconexion) in their absence. U.A.S.D. has 100,000 students. Students in other cities and other universities are catching the vision and are enrolling in Discipleship training classes. Recently, a \$25,000 down payment was made for a facility located just 2 blocks from the UASD campus which is a Chi Alpha building known as El Puente (The Bridge). We believe that God will use this building and the small groups, discipleship classes, worship services, and fellowship times there to continue to bridge the gap between students and them accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior! I will WITH YOUR PRAYERS & FINANCIAL SUPPORT be moving mid-August!

## Won't You Help Me Get There?

In order to make this move, I will need to raise \$9,750 in cash and be at 100% of my monthly budget of \$1,800 per month in support.

- Invite me to speak at your small group, youth group, or a window at your church
- I will be selling t-shirts so check out my Facebook page and a cool Big Green Egg Raffle
- Consider joining my monthly prayer team aka Wrestling Team
- Consider making a monthly pledge or cash donation

(Pictured right: Me getting some time with my niece and nephews during a visit home! They would like to add "Thank you for helping our Aunt Joie carry out Kingdom "GRIZZness"! She couldn't do it without each of you!

Thank you to those of you who take a genuine interest in what is happening with me! I know that answering this call is much easier knowing that I have faithful and persistent pravers and financial support of each of YOU!



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