

Update April 2, 2010

Howdy All,

Hope your all okay up there, enjoying the snow and cold. Today was quite the religious day in Jalapa. Since it is Good Friday everyone was getting ready for the procession in the town. There were many intricate designs on the streets made from fine coloured wood chippings; you'll see the pictures later I think. They were all spread out in different parts of town, and each one was different because they represented a stage of the cross. During the procession there were 2 floats, one for Jesus and another for Mary. They both started at different parts of the city with men carrying the Jesus float and women with Mary. They started at the same time and at each coloured design the Jesus float stopped and they recited the station of the cross. When they got to the station where Jesus meets Mary his mother they both met together and the floats joined and marched to other stations. It was quite a sight to behold, and I got a front row seat! Look forward to lots of pictures of this one!

After the procession was over we went to mass, and boy it was a long one, roughly 2 and a half hours. Yet they had placed the Jesus statue on the cross, and taken him down after mass. While he was still on the cross, everyone went up to it and kissed the cross to show their love for him and the ultimate sacrifice he gave us. It really is such a difference here than at home, you don't see any of this back in Canada. These people have little to nothing and yet they show such love and faith towards their religion. Their Easter is bigger than our Christmas!

Well that's all I can think of, except that we have to go back to work tomorrow and finish painting the school. Can't wait until it's done and the kids can see it. Hope you all have a good day, talk to you later!

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