



Prayer night at my apartment.



Birthday party at Suki's apartment.



## GREETINGS TO YOU,

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers! Last night, I attended a birthday party for a sweet young girl, Tichla, who turned 11 years old. Her mom, Suki, prepared a feast of churros, salad, couscous, fried fish, and of course, birthday cake. It was a colorful birthday party filled with tea, laughs, dancing and chatting. At the party, I talked with a lady named Mana who I had not met before and the conversation turned toward spiritual things. There were some connections we made on things that we agreed on. Then she shared how we need to do good things to clean ourselves before God. I asked her how many good things she needed to do to be clean, but she couldn't quite answer that question. I told her the following story, "Imagine that you are making dough and you add 5 good eggs. Then you add an egg that is bad. How many good eggs do you need to add to take away the bad egg?" She looked at me. I then asked, "Can you make up for the bad egg?" She replied emphatically, "No! You have to throw out the dough and start again." I agreed and said, "Yes. I can't make myself clean. God made me clean." She paused to ponder this before moving on to other topics. Later in the conversation, she mentioned that she loves nature. I shared how I live near the lakes and would love to meet up with her so we can walk around the lakes together. She seemed excited about that idea and we exchanged phone numbers. Please pray for continued conversations with this sweet lady and that she will experience the cleanness, the forgiveness of sins, that Jesus longs to give her.

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## PRAISE AND PRAYER ITEMS:

- \* Thank you so much for praying for the Saharawi prayer night that I hosted last Thursday. There were 9 of us total and it was an encouragement to my heart! The homemade ginger snap cookies might have been a motivator for attendance. :-) We had a powerful time of prayer and then celebrated the Lord's Supper as we seek to announce the Lord Jesus' death and resurrection to the Saharawi people.
- \* Praise God that I have been able to befriend and serve a dear lady in the church named, Mercedes. She shared with me this week that I am her first friend. She feels like the Lord sent me to her at a time in her life when she needed someone. I also give thanks to the Lord for her friendship. God is good!
- \* Praise God that I was able to attend the birthday party on Saturday with 3 other ladies from church: Ana Mari, Elsa and Mercedes. I am so thankful that they came with me and pray for continued deepening of relationships.
- \* Please keep praying for Tharsis Betel and the new refugees that are arriving to the centers. Pray that the staff can serve them well and share with them the hope of Christ.
- \* Please continue to pray for Vova and his family. Pray for the Lord to provide for their needs, to comfort their hearts, and to bring them to Himself