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# Couch Times

## SURF!! SAND!! and SHOWERS!!

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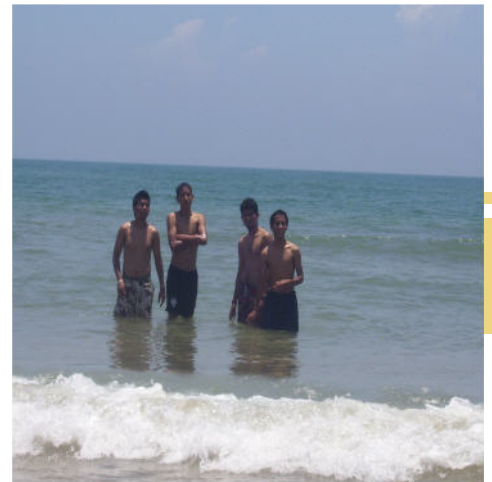
*Dario is 16 years old and just finished his first year of high school. He would like to study administration or teaching when he goes to the university. He is a joy to live with and helps Kathy with a lot of things. He would like to say; " I am grateful for the support and the opportunity to be here. Someday I want to help others like you have helped me. I hope that one day anyone that needs something can obtain it and that all can realize their dreams. God bless all of you."*



Well, we did it. We took our first family vacation, complete with five of our boys and Kenzi, our youngest daughter. We loaded up the suburban with enough snacks, food, towels, and water to last for two days and took off down the road. We stopped for breakfast and for the first time let the boys order without a budget. We were amazed at how fast Jose Pablo found the frothy frappuccinos with loads of whipped cream on top!

We then headed down through the mountains to El Limon. This is the town where Sergio and Memo grew up. We spent the afternoon there and helped set up for the director's daughter's quincinera. This is a girl's 15th birthday party. It has the importance of a wedding. There is a ceremony, a dinner, a gorgeous dress, and a BIG cake. With that combination nobody can go wrong!

We left the next morning and headed for the beach. What a great beach they have here. It has the white sand and is very clean. We spent the day in the water, riding four wheelers (the boys have not even driven before!), and eating. Before we went to dinner we saw places where you could pay to take showers. So we told the boys that we would shower, then eat. When we entered the place we walked all the way to the back. We entered this narrow room that had small showers, one after another, lined along each side. They had shower curtains, but some did not reach all the way across. Sergio told us that the girls were on the other side! NOT!! When Kenzi and Kathy figured out that we would all shower side by side in small little showers, Kenzi flipped out. You could hear her yelling, " I have to shower with boys!!!" all over Tampico. We all had a good laugh over that one. All in all, it was a great time. We may have to do it again next year!





Fernanda and our family on her special night.



This little guy is 5 years old. His name is Alejandro. He entertained us all with his moves!



The Chefs from the David House, Sergio, Jose Pablo, and Memo



Dario hard at work.

Even Kenzi got into the action. The official egg cracker!



# Pay it Forward!!

## INSTILLING THE DESIRE TO SERVE OTHERS IS A GOAL OF THE DAVID HOUSE.

After a trip to El Limon, a town six hours south of Monterrey, with Sergio this past January, Kathy came home with an idea. It was time to start teaching our boys how to give and to serve. Thus started the peanut butter, jelly, and egg days. Once a week, we as a family, would give up meat and eat only sandwiches and eggs. This would allow us to save

money that we could give to someone else. So the boys voted and the children's home in El Limon won. We ate sandwiches and eggs for several months and we skimmed about \$15 a week off of our food budget. We then loaded up the suburban and made a road trip to El Limon to bless them with our now \$200.00 donation. We also took 11 loaves of bread and all the fixins for a french toast breakfast and the boys cooked 240 pieces

of french toast for the children, the workers, and a group of about 25 Americans that were there. They had a great time 'paying it forward'. Hopefully this is a lesson that will play out the rest of their lives.

