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2009 – 2010



USA District 6440 to Mexico District 4160

I lived in Leon, Guanajuato – about 4 hours north of Mexico City.



I was so surprised to see that many of the stores and fast-food restaurants I know of were also in Mexico.



I went to school at
Tecnológico de Monterrey
Campus León.

My school is very unique in
that it is a high school and a
university. The school is
trilingual. Many classes are
only offered in English or
French to reinforce the
importance of being
bilingual.

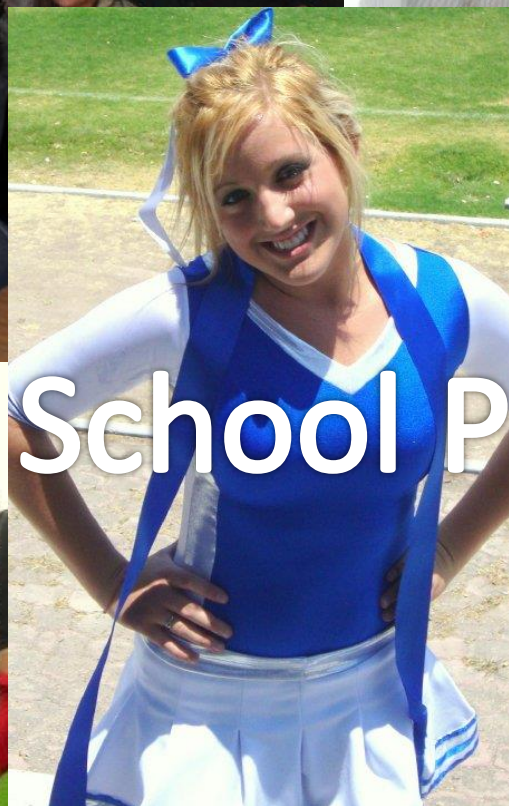
I was even on our schools
first cheerleading team (I
was a cheerleader in the
states also)



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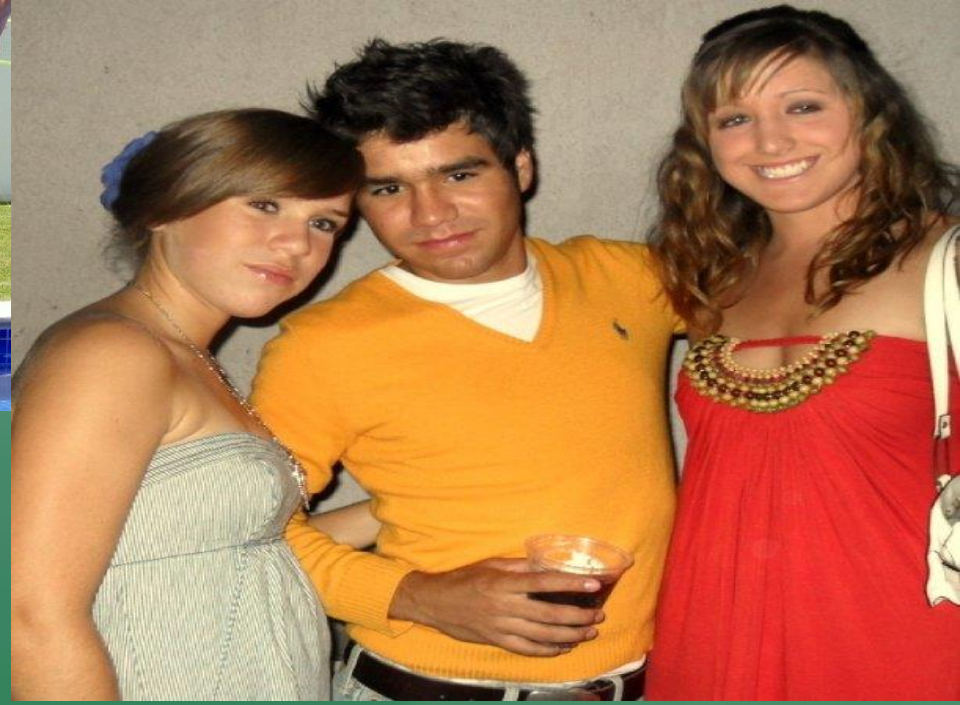


University and high school exchange students



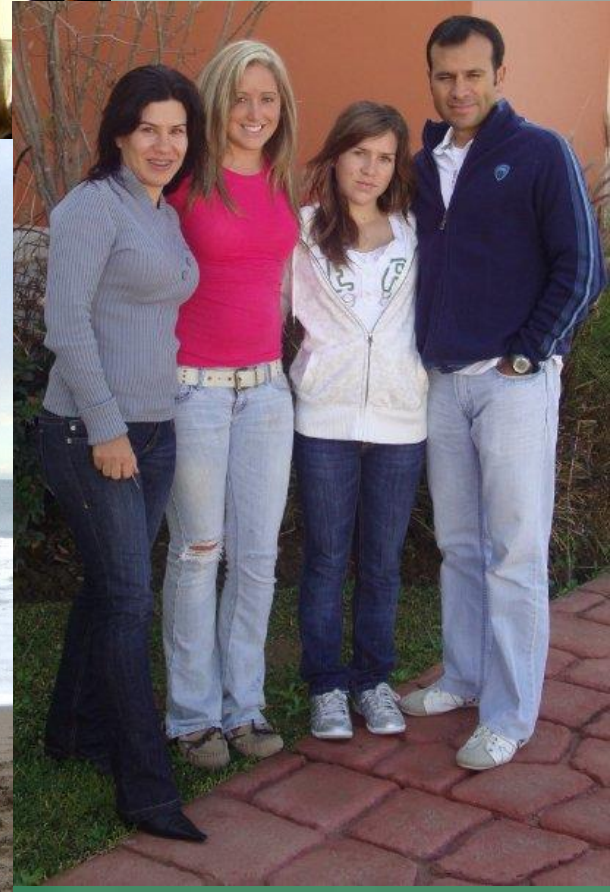
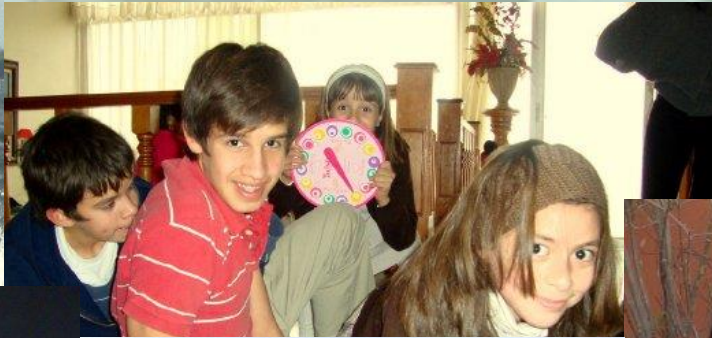
Host Family #1

In my first host family, I had a sister and a brother. My brother later went to the USA for his exchange. I was shocked to learn that we had a chauffeur and two maids. My family owned paper and cardboard manufacturing companies so they were very well off. My bedroom had it's own second floor!



Host Family #1

My family even had their own beach house which they took me to on vacation.



Host Family #2

In my second host family, I had one older sister, a brother in Brazil, and a younger brother. In Mexico family time is extremely important. Just like in my first family, we spent a lot of time with aunts, uncles, and cousins.



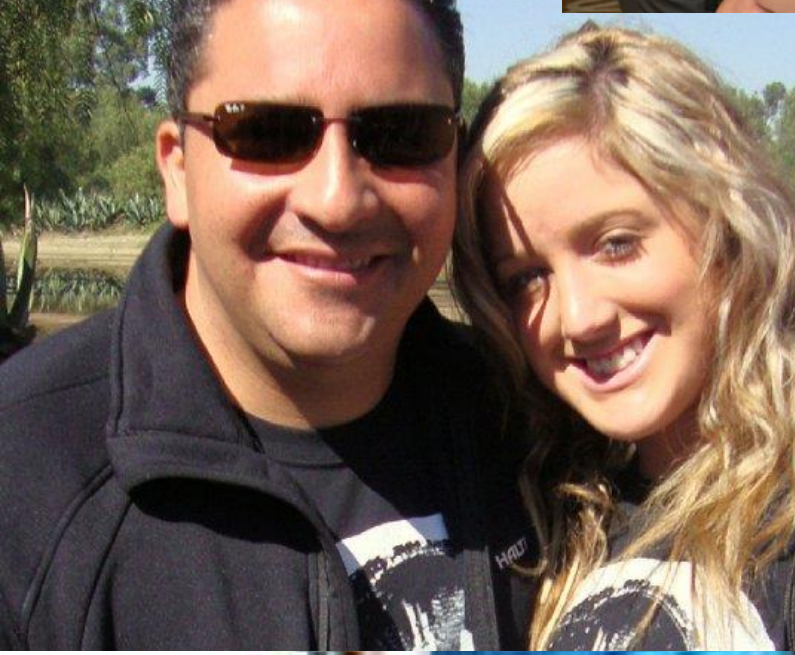
My Adopted Host Family



I grew extremely close to my district chairman and his family. He has two daughters that I call my hermanas (sisters). I cannot say enough good things about Guillermo Lopez Portillo. He truly was my papa in Mexico. Memo unfortunately left us suddenly but his legacy of serving others and promoting peace will live on forever.



My Adopted Host Family





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Thanks to Rotary, I was able to see Mexico in a way I never thought possible. I was able to meet so many people across the world. I learned a lot about other cultures and the meaning of service. Most importantly, I learned to accept things as different, not wrong.



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