

LIFE FLOURISHES IN THE DESERT

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I am from Chiapas where the land is very fertile and it is not hard to grow plants. My mama taught me a little about planting and harvesting, but I focused on my studies, sewing, and embroidery. I did not leave much time to dedicate to gardening.

When I arrived at the border, my worldview changed radically upon meeting the women of DouglaPrieta Trabaja (DPT). With them, I have done what I did not do in my home—I learned to prepare the land, to know the different seasons for sowing. I have marveled at God's creation and the many places where there is life.

Each Thursday, I join the women of DPT to reflect on the Word of God. This month we are studying the story of Esther, a Jewish woman who lived in a foreign place and became a blessed member of the family. I am grateful that I was called to this very different place—this foreign land in northern Sonora. Here, with my hands

and the help of wonderful women, I have learned to grow nutritious foods. Here, with the help of wonderful women, I have shared in Bible study and learned more of the love of God. Life flourishes in the desert.

LET'S RESCUE FAMILIES

A reflection by Zeyla Sanchez Morales, FdC Intern with CATPSIC

It always surprises me when I learn from each woman how drugs have affected their lives and lives of their families! One woman shared, “I had two miscarriages and have four children. I miss them very much; I can't be with them. Whenever I go out, I want to see them, but I am forbidden to get close to them.” I asked her why she could not see her children and she explained, “My relatives gave them up for adoption because I and the father of my children are addicts.” This is one reality for a woman who, when she stops consuming drugs, she thinks of her children and feels the desire to have her children with her. My prayer is always for every woman, but also for every family that has been destroyed by drugs!

