

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



April 2019

In The Master's Hand

I don't think the Master could use my small lunch;
While one hungry boy it will feed,
If He would provide for this vast multitude
Ah, many more loaves He will need.

Still, I'd like to do something to show Him my love
And I know nothing else I could bring;
Even though it may not be enough for the crowd
'Twill at least be a lunch for the King.

I will tell His disciples, for I'm but a lad
And have heard of His fame through the land.
But see, now He beckons, as though He could tell
I was longing to touch His dear hand.

What is this He does? He is praying, and now
He breaks up the loaves and the fish,
And gives the disciples big baskets to pass,
And the people have all that they wish.

I didn't have much I could offer the Lord,
But I'm glad that I brought what I had,
For He doesn't look at the size of the gift,
Nor yet at the size of the lad;

But He looks at the size of the love in your heart
And the gift - He will never refuse it,
And only eternity's pages will tell
The way He was able to use it.

Barbara C. Ryberg

Easter Family Camp

I really feel like God answered all our prayers for this camp.

The weeks leading up to the camp were completely occupied in busy preparation of all the different details that needed to be ready in time. Even so, on the 18th of April everything was waiting and ready!

With a total of 12 teachings and 5 different teachers, topics could have varied. But without a doubt one focus prevailed; the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. Truly it was the Lord who spoke!

And last but not least, we had plenty of willing workers to help with all the meals and cleaning required for a camp of 600! And they served their brothers and sisters out of love for the King!





Kitchen crew, hard at work on breakfast



Sunrise service on Sunday

- *Father, thank you for answering our prayers!*
- *Now help all of us to be doers of your Word, not only hearers.*
- *Revive your church in Mexico so Jesus will be proclaimed with power to all! Amen.*

The Bicycle Trip

Last month I totally forgot to tell you about this trip! About 15 years ago, my dad had the crazy idea of doing a bicycle trip from the camp all the way to the Pacific coast of Mexico! The blue line on the map below shows you the road we took.



Since we live at 7,200 feet above sea level this may sound like a breeze. But unfortunately, after coasting from the camp to an altitude of 700 feet, we're forced to begin a grueling three day climb to make it over the 6,200 foot mountain range looming between us and the ocean!

We only ended up doing this trip three times, ending it about 12 years ago. This was mainly due to a lack of time; which was unfortunate considering the wonderful opportunities every trip had provided for discipling and teaching. I was certainly blessed by all three of those trips and they were the highlight of every year for me!

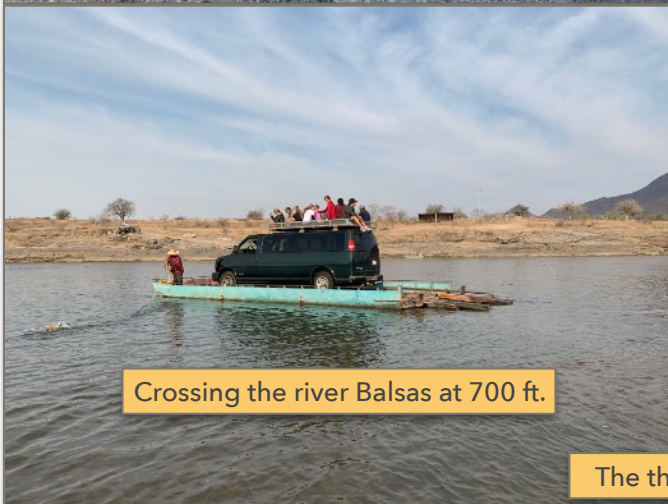
Every year since that last trip we would talk about doing it again. But we always had the same problem; not enough time! This year though, my dad was determined to do it. So, the day after the Easter camp ended, we left on this adventure with a team of about 28 people!



The first day



The second day



Crossing the river Balsas at 700 ft.



The third day



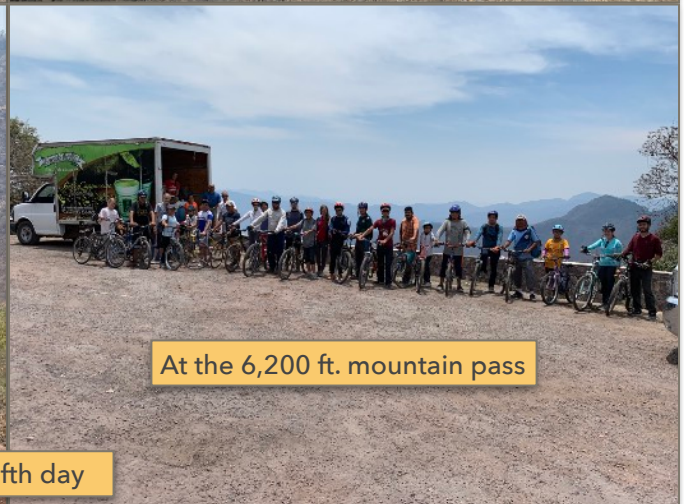
The fourth day



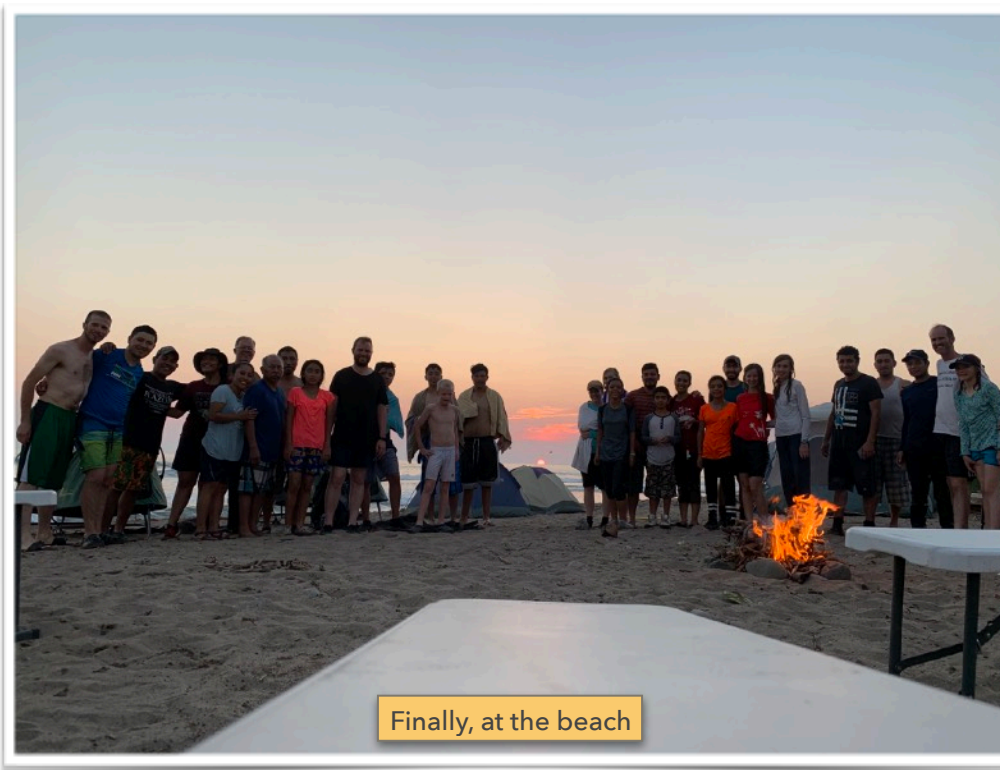
Bible study time



The fifth day



At the 6,200 ft. mountain pass



Finally, at the beach

Thankfully everything turned out great! Martin Tuohy blessed us all with a teaching at the end of each day, drawing great illustrations from the very real challenges we were facing on our bicycles during the trip. I would have to say that this trip has definitely been the highlight of the year for me up to this point!

- *Dear Lord, thank you for blessing and protecting us on this trip.*
- *Help us to now apply the many lessons we learned to our daily lives. In Jesus name, amen.*

Arumbaro

I feel encouraged about what is happening with the adults in Arumbaro right now. Primitivo and Toña seem to be doing well and are slowly growing.

But unfortunately we have gone from roughly 25 kids to about 10! This is mainly due to the opposition of the Catholic church. We begin our service about the same time every Saturday afternoon and just about when we start singing hymns, the Catholic church starts ringing their bell calling all the children to catechism classes.





Ana's group of kids



Regis' group of kids



Katie's group of kids



Annie's group

Also, last month Don Poly went to be with the Lord. In the Clark Herald my mom filled you in on most of the details. Almost all of Don Poly's family is from the city of Apatzingan; which we still have to do in Amor Divino. At the funeral service the Gospel was very clearly presented and we feel like they were very impacted. Only time will tell but it seems like the Lord is doing a work in their hearts.

- O Lord, frustrate the schemes of Satan in Arumbaro.
- Please open the door for these children to start coming again.
- Continue working in Don Poly's family for their salvation.
- May our lives reflect Christ to those around us! Amen.

What's Next?

In about two weeks we will have another Parents in Action camp Lord willing.

And toward the end of the month we will be hosting a Mother/Daughter conference by Sarah and Grace Mally along with others from the Bright Lights ministry.

All the normal weekend ministries and weekly Bible studies will hopefully continue.

- *Father, bless us as we serve You this month!*
- *Make us a blessing to all those around us.*
- *Speak powerfully in the coming camp and conference.*
- *And in everyone and everything may it be Christ, only Christ who is seen, heard, loved and exalted! Amen!*

I'm counting on your prayers. Because only He can move a mountain!

Thank you!

Nathan,

Your brother in CHRIST!

- **MARANATHA!**