

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



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Victory

When any climate, any food,
When raging crowd or solitude
Can but increase your will to see
God's guiding hand - that's victory.

When you can be content to own
No commendation of your own,
And let your pride and boasting be
In Christ alone - that's victory.

When foes offend and friends forsake
And you rejoice for Jesus' sake
That He has counted you to be
Worthy of such - that's victory.

When you are standing face to face
With degradation, vile disgrace,
And yet retain your purity
Through Christ your Lord - that's victory.

When peace is yours that knows no strife,
And joy the same in death or life,
And you can say, " 'Tis Christ for me
To live or die" - that's victory.

We have no power to fight alone,
Nor even strength to call our own.
Thanks be to God, for it is He
Who, through His Son, gives victory!

Barbara C. Ryberg

Easter Family Camp

This may be what I always say, but honestly, I feel like the warm fellowship and powerful teachings we experienced at this Easter camp made it the best one we've ever had! Many people were greatly encouraged and we know of at least one person who claims to have trusted in Christ at the camp!

Roughly 450 people signed up to come, but in the end we had well over 500 people!



Washing dishes



Cleaning the kitchen



Camp dining room. Serving supper.

- ▶ Heavenly Father, thank you for the blessings You gave us at this camp.
- ▶ Help those who heard Your voice, now obey it.
- ▶ Continue uniting us in fervent love so that everyone can see that we are Your disciples. In Jesus Name, amen.



Darts - fair game



Knife throwing - fair game



Johana & Elsa preparing food



Making carnitas



Teaching in camp auditorium

Bike Trip

The Easter camp ended on Sunday afternoon and we left on our week long bike trip Monday morning! Though we always feel extremely exhausted at the end of a camp, the bike trip affords the perfect emotional rest we need to recover. At least that's how I feel about it :)



This is the route we take on the bike trip. Though we only cover 230 miles the roads are extremely curvy and they wind up and down the Sierra Madre Sur the entire week.



Everyone ready to go Monday morning



Camping spot day 1



Enjoying the warm river



Tacos!

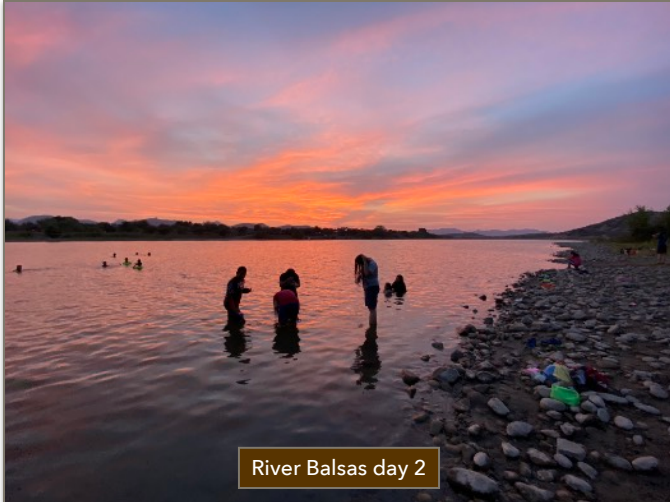


Cooks working on supper



Arriving at Huetamo

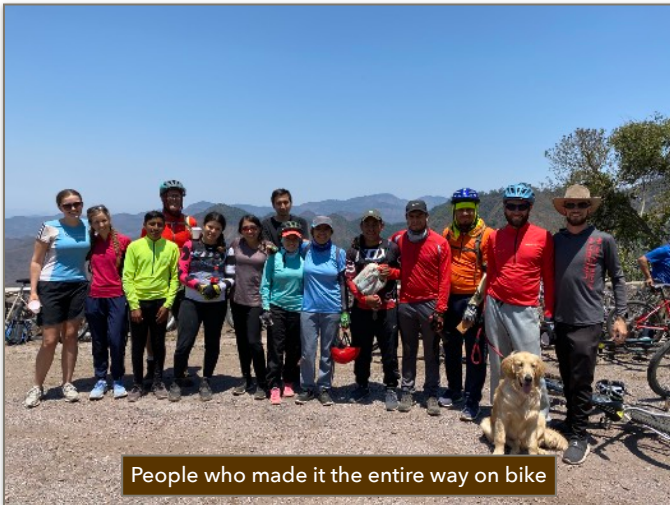




River Balsas day 2



Crossing river on day 3



People who made it the entire way on bike



Arriving at the Pacific Ocean!



5 hour drive back to the Camp



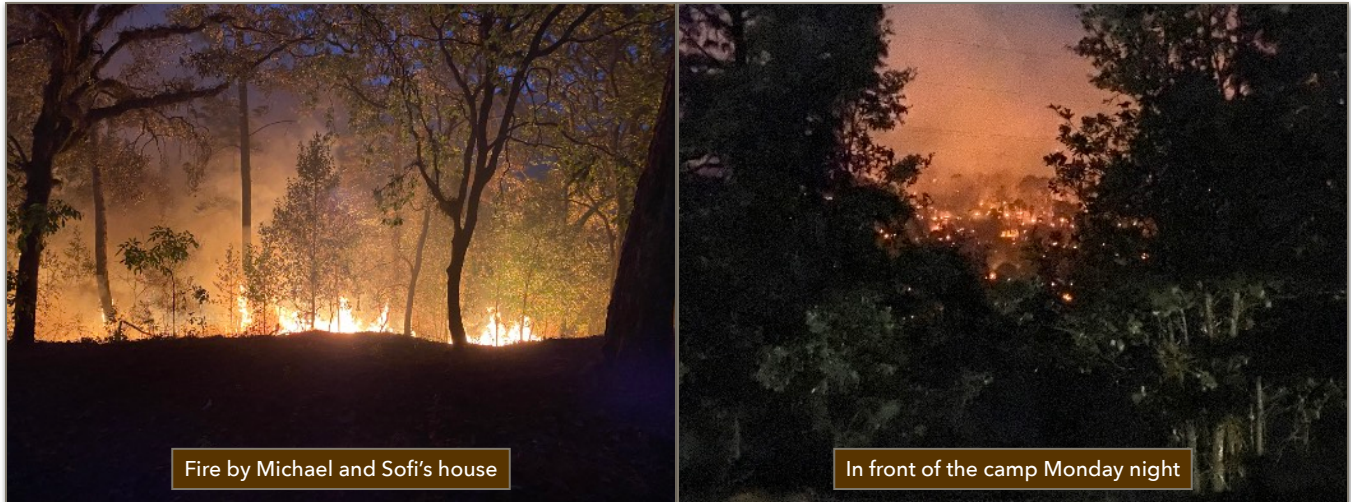
Tacos on the way home!

- ▶ *Dear Lord, help us all remember the many lessons You taught us on the bike trip and apply them to our lives.*
- ▶ *Use the Gospel tracts we handed out to bring more people to Jesus feet. Amen.*

Fire!

Down here it's common for people to burn their harvested fields before rainy season starts so they can plant new crops. The only problem with this is that everything is so dry the fires can easily get out of control. That is precisely what happened two weeks ago on Sunday afternoon. Strangely enough, we ended up canceling the usual Sunday afternoon ministries not knowing that that decision would end up saving the camp from the fire!





The fire around the camp was pretty much under control by 10 PM on Sunday night but it kept on spreading from there and lasted for about 4 days! We're so grateful for the Lord's protection and clear providence.

More Funerals...

During the last week we buried a dear sister in Christ, Genoveva, who just accepted Christ at the Easter Camp! Praise the Lord her family seems to be doing well, and they were able to witness a real change in her life after she returned from the camp.

Also on Friday of last week, the day we got home from Genoveva's funeral, we received the sad news that Ezequiel, a young man in our church who was only 25, had gone home to be with the Lord Jesus. This good friend of mine had been on dialyses for 3 years due to kidney failure. Though we all knew he couldn't last long, his passing was painful for all of us and especially for his family. At the same time, we are rejoicing that he is no longer suffering and is now in the glorious presence of the Lord!

- ▶ *Good Shepherd, comfort these dear families as they get used to the absence of their loved ones.*
- ▶ *Protect them from Satan's lies.*
- ▶ *Help them believe Your amazing promises! Amen.*



What's Next?

Two things come to my mind; a Parents in Action camp and our anual Amor Divino outreach which will begin on May 30th. All our weekend ministries and weekly activities and Bibles studies will also continue Lord willing.

I'm counting on your prayers! Thank you.

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Your brother in CHRIST!

- ▶ *Wonderful Savior, help us abide in You every day – apart from You, we can do nothing.*
- ▶ *Help us be completely surrendered to You.*
- ▶ *Continue pouring out Your grace on us.*
- ▶ *Fill us with the Spirit of Christ, only Christ! Amen.*

- ▶ *OUR LORD, COME!*