Christ, Only Christ!

Report of the use of talents entrusted to HIS servant, nathan.

"He does not lead me year-by-year, nor even day by day,

But step-by-step my path unfolds; my Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know. I only know this minute;

But He will say, "This is the way, by faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so, today's enough to bear;

And when tomorrow comes, his grace shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret? The God who gave His Son

Holds all my moments in his hand and gives them, one by one."

Barbara C. Ryberg

August 2017

Girls Camp

The beginning of August started with the final youth camp of the summer. Monica Sernatinger, a fellow missionary working with hispanics in Oregon was kind enough to come and give most of the teachings in this last camp. Her teaching were very clear and gospel-centered. Praise the Lord, two girls professed faith in Jesus! We are so encouraged!

The Tuohy family has been such a huge blessing! They were also present at the girls camp, and were in charge of the different

activities and sports. They did a wonderful job, and the girls all had a lot of fun! Elsa has always organized, directed and payed for the girls camp each year. She did a fabulous job! I was mainly helping in the kitchen during this camp, and since Elsa has us buy 'special' food for 'her' girls, we prepared some delicious food in the course of the week! One of the girls, on hearing that my

sister Katie lived at the camp asked, "Do you guys always eat this good?" To which Katie had to laugh! Thank you for your faithful prayers for this camp.

•Please pray that this girls would not be only hearers of the Word but also doers of the Word.

Hospital Ministry

I haven't talked about the hospital ministry for quite some time now, but it has continued and we are encouraged as we've seen some fruit recently. Right now we have been going every other Friday evening. Just as a reminder, what we do at the hospital is give away free cups of Cappuccino (which Elsa provides) and free bread. And of course we hand out tracts to the people there.

But before we go, we've started taking the time to study a book and pray together as a group. Right now we've been reading *The Only Thing You Won't be Able to do in Heaven* by Mark Cahill. It has really encouraged everyone who goes to the hospital ministry, to not settle with just giving someone a tract, but to try and start a conversation!

A little over a month ago, someone was able to start a conversation with Gabriel, a man who had come to Morelia all the way from Apatzingán a city about four hours drive away. His wife was sick, and that was the nearest hospital that could attend to her needs!

He listened respectfully as this person shared the gospel message with him. After praying for Gabriel's wife, he told him that if he wanted more information or a Bible study we would be glad to provide it.

When we were just finishing up and getting ready to leave, Gabriel came running out and told us that he was very interested and wanted to study the Bible! The problem was that he doesn't live in Morelia, and we didn't have the address of a Bible church in Apatzingán.

After exchanging phone numbers, we gave him a little book called: *Done* by Cary Schmidt. It's a wonderful and clear presentation of the Gospel. After a couple weeks he called us to remind us to send him the address of the Church in Apatzingán! He also told us that he had read the little book we had given him! Praise the Lord, we were able to get Gabriel in contact with the Bible Church in Apatzingán where he has been attending.

Every time we go, there are people who are open and interested! They come from all over the state of Michoacán to this hospital to receive medical care. Only the Lord knows how many people are being reached by this ministry.

- *Please pray that Gabriel would be in the Word daily and would came to know Christ and make Christ known.*
- *Pray that the Lord would provide the means to start going every week.*
- *Pray that we would have boldness to speak the Gospel!*

Parents in Action

A little over a week ago we had Parents in Action camp. In preparation for this camp the families had to read and study *Saved at Sea* a story based on the hymn *The Solid Rock.* And a book written by the Mally family called: *Making Brothers and Sisters Best Friends.*

We always decorate everything based on one of the books, and our Church is great about helping out. At the camp there are quizzes on each book, and the five or so families with the highest scores win a prize! It is usually a box of chocolates or something like that.

The families really get excited about doing the homework, and its been encouraging to see them grow spiritually! In this past camp there were about 30 families—roughly 120 people.

- *Please pray that these parents would be diligent and take action!*
- *Pray that they would not only teach their children by words, but also by example.*
- *Pray that God's highest purposes would be accomplished in these families.*

Berea Music Ministries

I'm excited to announce that the album ¡Cristo Jesucristo! is now finished, and will soon be available for free download on our website

www.palabradeverdad.com.

I hope you all take the time to go and listen to it. The only problem is that the words are in Spanish! Well, it will give you a chance to practice your Spanish!

I feel like the Lord is leading us to start working on a Christmas album. Hopefully, it be done before December!

- *Please pray that this album would be a great blessing!*
- *Pray for wisdom and grace for the next album.*

Damian & Flora

Praise the Lord, we've been able to continue the study with Damian and Flora every week! I feel like their spiritual eyes are slowly opening as we study the Word and you continue to pray.

Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

Romans 10:1

- *Please continue to pray for their salvation.*
- *Pray that the Lord would have full control of my tongue.*

Salomon

Salomon is Alicia's (from Arumbaro) oldest son. He's about sixteen years old and seems to have a heart for spiritual things. Having been born in the states when his parents were up there, he is an American citizen. His dad, who is not a believer, was bound and determined for Salomon to get his paperwork so that he would be able to go to the States, study English and work.

Finally, he got things worked out to go this past month. He is now living with some of his unsaved family members in a suburb of Las Angeles. Going to public school and working part-time, he's very

vulnerable to the world, and Alicia is extremely concerned for his spiritual well-being. Please join us in praying for Salomon!

- *Please pray that he would continue to read the Word every day.*
- *Pray that he would believe the truth and not be deceived by sin.*
- *Pray that he would be a witness to his unsaved family with whom he is staying.*

Don Ruben

Don Ruben is part of our Church. After he had a stroke some years ago, he lost his ability to speak. Part of my ministry is visiting this dear man once every week. Some of the young people from our church always accompany me, and we sing some hymns to don Ruben and read him a chapter from the Bible. Lately he has seemed a little discouraged, and I want to asked you to start praying for him.

•*Please pray that God's grace would be showered on him.*

•*Pray that he would not loose heart, but trust in the Lord.*

What's Next?

This Friday, Lord willing, I'm planning on taking a trip to Torreón, a city in the north of Mexico, along with six other young men. The purpose of the trip is to attend a conference being held there. The speaker, Herald Mally, is going to be giving nine teachings for young men. I'm praying that this trip will be a blessing and encouragement to all of us.

The 11th of September (good day to fly!) we will be flying up to Oregon for a Hispanic Camp that my dad was invited to speak at. We will also be visiting my Grandparents in Washington and be taking some time to rest.

- *Please pray for traveling mercies for us in this coming month.*
- *Pray that in this trip to Torreón, we would learn all that the Lord wants to teach us.*
- *Pray that we would be a blessing to the hispanic believers in Oregon.*

I could go on and on, but I've already made this update way to long!

Your interest in what the Lord is do here is a great encouragement. Thank you!

nathan,

Your brother in JESUS.

Maranatha!

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you…how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

Matthew 7:7,11b

And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

Matthew 21:22

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.

Colossians 4:2-4