

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM! Following HIM!



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Daily Manna

I thank Thee, Lord, that while I see tomorrow's pressing need
And know not in my weakness where to flee,
Yet I in simple faith can cast my care on Thee indeed
And know that nothing is too hard for Thee.
Thou hast not promised to supply tomorrow's need today,
But daily manna Thou dost still provide,
And so I'll cast my fears, and not my confidence away
For to Thy child is no good thing denied.
Thy promise is for every need; my failure I confess,
But Thou canst not Thy faithfulness deny;
Thy promises do not depend upon my righteousness
But on Thy grace and bountiful supply.
I know my need, but better still, my Heavenly Father knows,
Who owns the cattle on a thousand hills;
The silver and the gold are His, and everything that grows.
Can anything be other than He wills?
The Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give a crown of victory
When I the path of faith have humbly trod,
And so will I, whatever comes of good or ill to me,
Be still, and know that Thou alone art God.

Barbara C. Ryberg

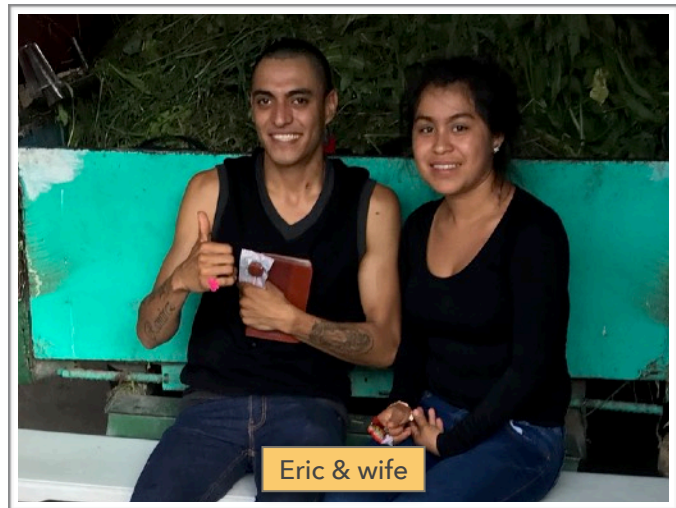
La Purisima

This week we were not able to go to this ministry because Damian was in the Hospital with some stomach problems. Thankfully he is now back at home recovering!



Last week we had a very encouraging study. Damian and Flora's daughter Violeta was there along with her son Eric, who appeared to be in his early 20s. On previous visits Violeta had told me about him, asking me what she should do with him. (He was mixed up in bad things and addicted to drugs.) During the study, he seemed really attentive and interested.

At the end, I asked: "Eric what did you think about the study?" After expressing that he had really liked it he said: "A few weeks ago they put me into a rehabilitation center for drug addicts." He continued: "It was terrible in that place; so one night I escaped from the building where they had put us! I was quite a way from home and since it was so late, I couldn't get anyone to stop and give me a ride."



Eric continued, and said that much to his surprise, someone did finally stop and pick him up! This man told him that his name was Javier and that he lived up the way. "But the thing he talked to me about the rest of the way was how I needed to get a Bible and start reading it!" He told me excitedly! "Since that day I feel like God has been calling me." He told me that he really wanted to get a Bible but hadn't been able to find one!

It was such a joy to give Eric my Bible and encourage him to start reading the Gospel of John! He promised me he would come to the next Bible study.

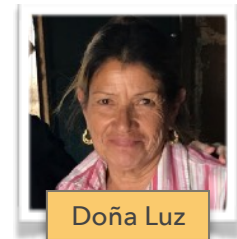
- ▶ *Please pray that Eric would be kept from Satan's lies.*
- ▶ *Pray that he would have a love for the truth.*
- ▶ *Pray for Damian's recovery.*

Doña Luz

Yesterday my mom and I had the study with Luz. She continues to be extremely open and is always very attentive. Every time we go she just can't say enough kind things to us, thanking us for taking the time to go and teach her the Bible! She is always very grateful.

Right now we are doing the study, "Building on firm foundations" with her. Yesterday we did the 10 commandments. At the end of the study I asked her how they made her feel and she said: "Bad, they make me feel guilty!". I explained to her that that was their purpose! She seems to be starting to grasp the truth!

- ▶ *Please pray that the veil would be taken away from her eyes!*
- ▶ *Pray that she wouldn't believe Satan's lies.*



Doña Luz

Arumbaro Ministry

The Lord continues to do great things in Arumbaro! Primitivo and his wife Toña went through some difficulties a few weeks ago and as a result he stopped coming for a while. But thankfully they seem to have come out of it and are now encouraged and on track again!

We still have a group of about 25-30 children every week. I feel like the Lord has given us such a huge responsibility with all these kids! The good thing is we have a lot of great help; there are about six of us working with these children. Each person has his own group and that helps keep things under control.



Primitivo

Toña



My group



Regis' group



Yuri's group



Annie's group

- ▶ Please pray Primitivo & Toña would have a love for the truth.
- ▶ Pray that they would be reading the Word daily.
- ▶ Pray that we would be diligent as we teach all of these kids!
- ▶ Pray that the Lord Jesus would be our constant focus.



Building where we work with the kids

Rafael

Rafael is the civil engineer student we met while doing the outreach at the state fair in May. From the very first study, I felt like he really had a hunger for the truth. When all the students left on summer brake, we agreed to continue doing the Bible studies when classes started up again.

Once summer break was over, I sent him a message asking if he still wanted to continue studying the Bible? But he didn't respond to the message. This was very discouraging after thinking that he was so interested. I had given him a Bible and also a copy of the book: *The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus* by, *John R. Cross*. I started really praying that Satan would not steal his hunger for the Truth.



The next week Almita, (the girl who answers the phone number we put on the back of all our Gospel tracts) sent me a message telling me that a Rafael Ramírez had called in, wanting to get ahold of me!

What had happened was that during the vacation, he had lost his phone, which was where he had my number saved! He told me: "I really wanted to keep on studying the Bible but after losing my phone, I was at a loss to know how to get ahold of you. Then I remembered the phone number on the tract you had given me!"

Last Tuesday we started doing the study again! I felt so encouraged as he told me that he has been reading the Bible I gave him! He seems so excited about what he has been learning!

- ▶ *Please pray that Rafael would continue to read the Word.*
- ▶ *Pray that he would have a love for the truth.*
- ▶ *Pray that he would be kept from Satan.*

Regis' Visa

In the last update I asked you to pray that Regis' visa would be approved. I probably should have added: if it's the Lords will!

We are so disappointed, but they rejected Regis' application for a US visa! But we did pray and we feel like the Lord's 'no' means He has something better for us. Thank you for praying!

What's Next?

My parents and sisters will be leaving for a hispanic camp in Oregon this coming Wednesday and they will be in the States for about 3 weeks. I will not be going.

On the 14th of September we will be doing an evangelistic outreach, celebrating Mexico's independence day! This is usually the most attended outreach of the year.

The well drilling continues, slowly but surely! They say it could take up to several months, depending on the amount of rock they encounter!

- ▶ *Please pray for the Lord's hand of protection on those who will be traveling.*
- ▶ *Pray that we would proclaim HIM clearly on the 14th of September!*
- ▶ *Pray that the Lord would bring many people to hear.*
- ▶ *Pray that God would give us strength, wisdom, patience and perseverance as we serve him.*
- ▶ *Pray that it would truly be Christ, only Christ in all!*

Thank you for lifting us up in prayer!

The Lord is moving mountains!

Nathan,

Your brother in CHRIST!

We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us.
God is love...

1 John 4:16a