

Christ, Only Christ!

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



*“The people who were sitting in darkness saw a great Light,
And those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death,
Upon them a Light dawned.”*

Matthew 4:16

December 2016

Christmas Plays

Tomorrow it will be 2017! It seems like you just start to get used to the new year and then it's over and the next one is begun. So little time to each of us is given and how we waste the precious gift! By the Lord's grace may He help me to make the most of my time in this coming year.

Thank you for your prayers for the Christmas presentations. I felt like they were some of the best and clearest Christmas programs we have ever done. And I know that it is only due to the Lord's

work in answer to prayer. We start the event with a traditional Mexican Christmas dinner of tamales and ponche. After everyone has had their fill, we invite them to move into the auditorium



for the presentation. This year's theme was the parable of the Sower. After acting out the Nativity scene, the narrator, dressed as a shepherd, starts to talk about how Jesus grew up and after thirty years of work as a carpenter, started his ministry. He continues by saying that during His ministry, one of the things that He would often say was "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." The way we hear Jesus' words will determine our eternal destiny. He then tells them the parable of the sower and how there are four different responses to the gospel. As the narrator speaks there are slides on the screen to illustrate the different themes. After explaining the parable he has another actor come up on the stage who is a soul physician. By examining your ear he can tell you what kind of a hearer you are and if you will live or die. They then ask if there is a volunteer from the audience who would like to have his



ears checked.

We had four actors planted in the audience who each came up in turn and responded to the message in one of the four ways of Jesus' parable. It was a very clear gospel presentation and many people were challenged, even in our own church.

Christmas Caroling

A tradition we have each year as a church is caroling in the two small towns nearest to us. We start at the camp and all pile onto the trailer and any vehicle that is going. When we get to the first town we all jump off. We try to sing at every house, accompanied by a couple guitars, a mandolin and a flute.



We give a plate of freshly baked bread and a gospel tract to every house we sing at. By the time we're done, it is dark and we've arrived at the home of Juan and Bertha, (a couple in our church) who have a delicious meal and a bon-fire waiting for us! It's a great time of fellowship and celebration together.

Meal for the Workers



The last thing we always do in December is a big meal for all the employees of Berea Coffee business. This meal is to express the company's gratitude to the workers.



Since many of them are unsaved we always have someone give a short teaching, and present the gospel clearly.



This year it was my brother Caleb who shared and he did a great job, as he talked about the why of gift giving and the greatest gift of all —God's salvation!

What's the Plan?

Since the worker's meal we've had a good time to rest, plan, and get refocused. I'm so excited about this coming year! I think that it will be a hard year for Mexico economically, but I feel like the Lord is going to do great things. We've been working on our new year's goals and have a lot great ideas that we hope to push for in this coming year.



In Amor Divino (the project of taking a gospel of John to every home in the state) we have covered 80,300 homes in total. In 2017 we are hoping to get to 200,000. Its a big goal, and to do it we are going to need more gospels of John, more tracts and a lot of hands to help us get it all out! But up till now the Lord has provided and we believe that He will continue to do so.



There are many other things that we hope to do, besides all the annual camps and activities we always have. We need a lot of help from you in prayer. Pray for wisdom and guidance, strength and patience, providence and safety. We have a strong enemy, but greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world!

My dear friends, I wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR! May the Lord richly bless you and keep you. Thank you so very much for your interest and most of all, your faithful prayers!

nathan,

Your brother in Jesus.

Maranatha!