

Christ, Only Christ!

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



*FOR GOD, the Lord of earth and heaven,
SO LOVED, and longed to see forgiven,
THE WORLD in sin and pleasure mad,
THAT HE GAVE the greatest gift He had,
HIS ONLY SON - to take our place,
THAT WHOSOEVER - O, what grace!
BELIEVETH, placing simple trust
IN HIM, the righteous and the just,
SHOULD NOT PERISH, lost in sin,
BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE in Him.*

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The Year of 2017

As I look back over this year, I feel overwhelmed by all the things that have taken place—too many to list. Yet at the same time I marvel at the Lord's faithful grace, given to me, one day at a time. Surly if we knew all that 2018 holds for us, we would despair. But the Lord only gives us the strength we need for today; and He is so faithful!

And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?...So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 6:27/34

Hospital Ministry

Praise the Lord we've been able to continue doing this ministry every other week. When we went yesterday, there weren't as many people as usual; but we were able to hand out lots of gospel tracts and started several spiritual conversations with different people.

As we were driving away after finishing, a middle aged man named Enrique, that had come out of the hospital waved us down and asked if we didn't still have some bread or cappuccino left. We did, so after pulling over we gave him what bread we had left and a cup of cappuccino. Enrique then eagerly asked me if we gave Bible studies! I told him that we did and that we would love to give him a Bible study. He told us where he lives and gave us his phone number; he seemed very eager to start.



In my August prayer letter I told you about a man named Gabriel who had shown interest in studying the Bible. He called me up not long ago and let me know that he is still going to the church in Apatzingán and faithfully reading his Bible! (If you don't remember Gabriel, I would be glad to resend you the August update. Just let me know.)

- *Please pray that Enrique would have a hunger for the truth and would be kept from Satan's lies.*
- *Pray for Gabriel that he would persevere and not lose faith.*
- *Pray that this ministry would continue to bear fruit.*

San Carlos

A few weeks ago we decided to make ice cream again for the kids in San Carlos. Usually this gives us a pretty big group of kids, but this time we hardly had anyone come. Right now I'm really seeking the Lord's mind concerning this ministry to know if I should continue to persevere, or use my Sunday afternoons for another ministry opportunity in a place called Charo.



- *Please pray that the Lord's will would be made clear to me.*
- *Pray that God would open up the hearts of the people in San Carlos to the gospel.*

Christmas Plays

This year we had lots of new people who had never come to our Christmas plays before and many of the people who usually come. We did hear some very positive comments from some of the guests and felt encouraged about the overall response. Only the Lord knows where people are really at.

The Christmas plays do take a lot of planning and work, but they also provide a very special time of fellowship for the church.





Serving Tamales!



Guests in Dining Room.



Guests in Auditorium.



Christmas Play.

- Please pray that Satan would not take the seed sown from these people's hearts.
- Pray that these people would receive the love of the truth and so, be saved.

Arumbaro Ministry

I feel very encouraged about the ministry in Arumbaro and I'm hoping that in the coming year we will be able to work even more with both the children and the adults in this place. I feel a huge burden to help these children learn to read well and I'm planning on really trying to work with them in this area. Even though many of the adults can read, they really struggle with comprehension and don't like to read. This is most likely due to the fact that most Spanish literature uses an uncommon form of speech, and a much larger vocabulary than what the normal person would use to speak. In any case, this leaves people at a huge disadvantage both educationally and spiritually.

Thankfully we were able to bring a good group of people from Arumbaro to the Christmas plays that had never come before!



Some of the people from Arumbaro at the Christmas Play.

- *Please pray that the Lord would show me how to teach these children to become good readers.*
- *Pray that the Lord would open the door even wider for the Word in Arumbaro.*

Berea Music Ministries

Praise the Lord we finished the Christmas CD *Emmanuel* on December 19th! You can download it for free on palabradeverdad.com . It felt so good to finish this project that has taken over one hundred hours of work!

- *Please pray that God would use it to encourage and edify everyone who listens to it.*



What's Next?

Of course only the Lord knows, but if He tarries we will be having a Parents in Action camp in January and also a construction team from Faith Bible Fellowship. And then there's all the normal ministries that will continue every week.

In my parents' update, my mom mentions the new Bible study we will continue to give to Luz, Serafin's mom.

- *Please pray for special safety during the work week.*
- *Pray that the Lord would continue to use the Parents in Action camps.*
- *Pray that we would do the Lord's work in the Lord's strength.*
- *Pray for the salvation of Luz.*

I can't thank you all enough for your interest and love! May the Lord richly bless all of you in this coming year. Happy New Year!

nathan,

Your brother in JESUS.

Our Lord, COME!