

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



December 2020

Immanuel's Land

1. The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for
The fair, sweet morn awakes.

2. Dark, dark hath been the midnight,
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land.

3. The King there in His beauty
Without a veil is seen:
It were a well spent journey,
Though seven deaths lay between.

4. I've wrestled on toward heaven
'Gainst storm and wind and tide;
Now, like a weary traveler
That leaneth on his guide.

5. Oh, I am my Beloved's,
And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His "house of wine."

6. I stand upon His merit,
I know no safer stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land.

7. The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear bridegroom's face:
I will not gaze at glory,
But on the King of Grace;

8. Not at the crown He giveth,
But on His pierced hand.
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Immanuel's land.

Samuel Rutherford

Christmas Presentations

Over the course of 4 different presentations, we had the privilege of clearly presenting the gospel to more than 300 unsaved people who attended! For many of them it was their first time to come. After every one of the four programs, we heard lots of encouraging comments from the guests! One man was asked if he had understood the message or if he had any questions? He responded: "How could I have any questions—it was crystal clear!" After the beauty of the presentation was described by a family member, one young woman exclaimed fervently, "Yes it was beautiful, but the, message...the important thing was the message!"





This year's Christmas presentation required the participation of everyone in our local church. This has always been true but even more so this year. I'm pretty sure that every single person in Church was busy either acting or preparing and serving food in the kitchen!

It was encouraging to see the Church so united and intent on the same purpose.



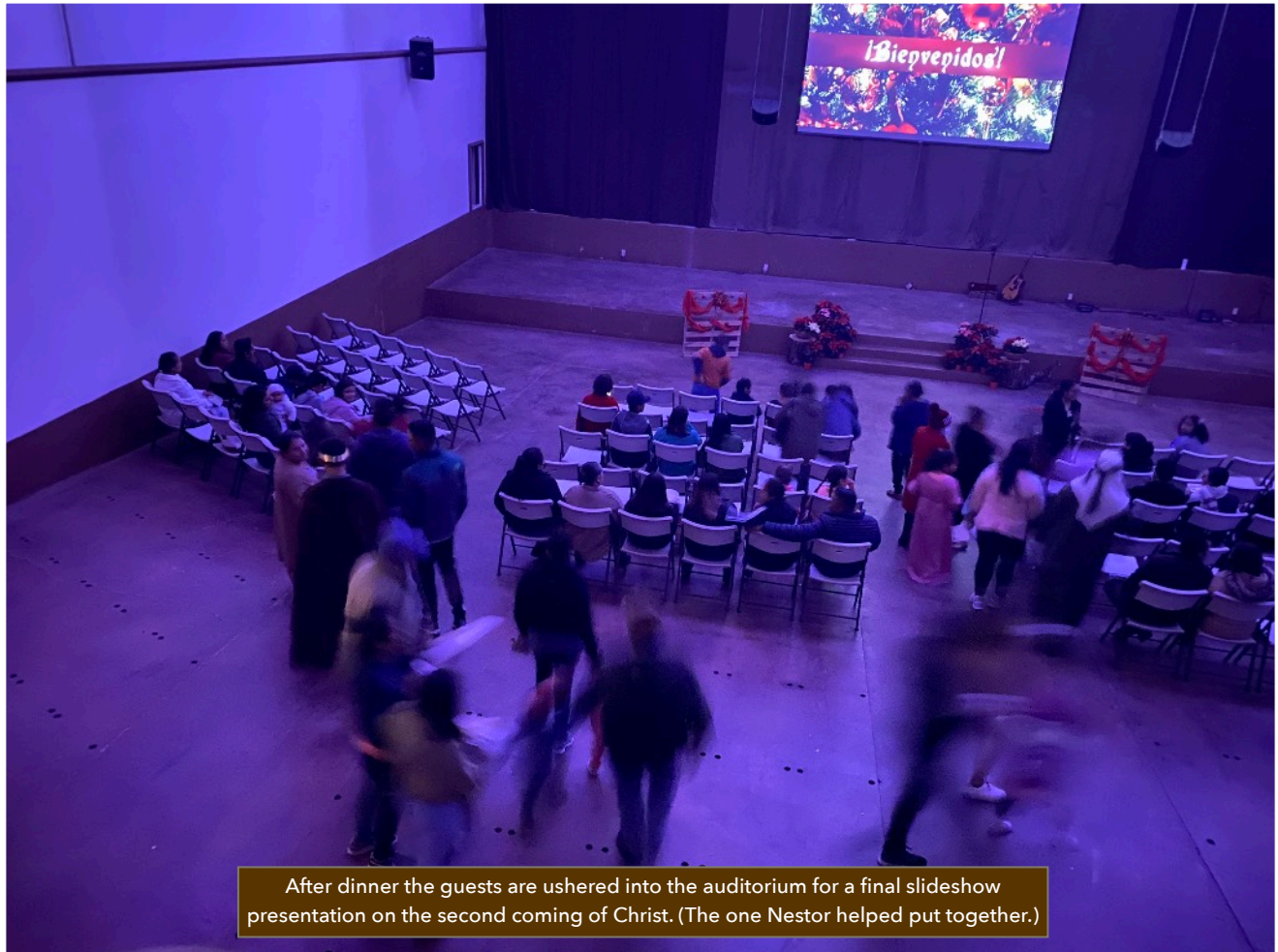
Preparing Tamales for one of four events!



Nestor in the Bethlehem market. Nestor is such a huge blessing and asset to our ministry. This year (as in other years) he was instrumental in making the slideshow.







After dinner the guests are ushered into the auditorium for a final slideshow presentation on the second coming of Christ. (The one Nestor helped put together.)



To top it all off we get to clean up the kitchen which is usually on its head by this point!

We feel like these presentations were totally worth the effort and are trusting the Lord for even more fruit in His good time.

- ▶ *Heavenly Father, thank you for all the prayers You have answered regarding these Christmas plays!*
- ▶ *Continue using the message that was presented to bring even more souls to Christ.*
- ▶ *May the Holy Spirit convince those who came, of their sin, of Your righteousness and of the judgment that is coming. Amen.*

What's Next?

December was full of many other activities but, in this update, I wanted to focus on the Christmas plays; and also, on what we are planning for 2021!

A new group of discipleship kids will be coming to the camp for 2021. We've totally redesigned the discipleship program and one of the changes will be a very structured focus on Bible teaching.

Lord willing, several fellow missionaries and some Church leaders from the US will be coming to the camp during different weeks of the year to go through Bible courses with the disciples. These teachers will probably only be able to come for one week. For this reason, the plan is to have them teach four 45 minute sessions every morning on the subject they will be covering during their visit.



One of the huge mutual blessings for us and the disciples, is their active participation in the ministry— Parents in Action camps, family camps, youth camps, evangelistic outreaches, individual Bible studies, weekend ministries with adults and children and so many other things that the Lord has given us the privilege of participating in! Many of these things would be impossible to do without the support of so many other people.

This year I will be living with the guys coming to take part in the discipleship program.

In January we are looking forward to a work team from a supporting church in Little Rock AR coming to help with construction at the camp as well as teach the first Bible course to the new discipleship group.

We're also planning a Parents in Action camp toward the end of January Lord willing.

- *Dear Lord give us wisdom and grace, for 2021.*
- *Help us make the most of each opportunity to draw others and be drawn nearer to Christ.*
- *Make me a good example to the young men I will be working with.*
- *May all we do in 2021 be for the proclamation, knowledge and glorification of Christ, only Christ! Amen.*

A huge thank you to each and every one of you! Your interest and support means more than I can express here! May you continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Happy New Year!

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Your brother in CHRIST!

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