

Christ, Only Christ!

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



He might have reared a palace at a word,
Who sometimes had not where to lay His head.
Time was when He who nourished crowds with bread,
Would not one meal to Himself afford.
He healed another's scratch; His own side bled,
Side, feet and hands, with cruel piercings gored.
Twelve legions girded with angelic sword,
Stood at His beck, the scorned and buffeted.
O wonderful the wonders left undone,
And scarce less wonderful than those He wrought!
O self-restraint, surpassing human thought,
To have all power, yet be as having none!
O self-denying love that thought alone,
For needs of others, never for His own!

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Arumbaro Ministry

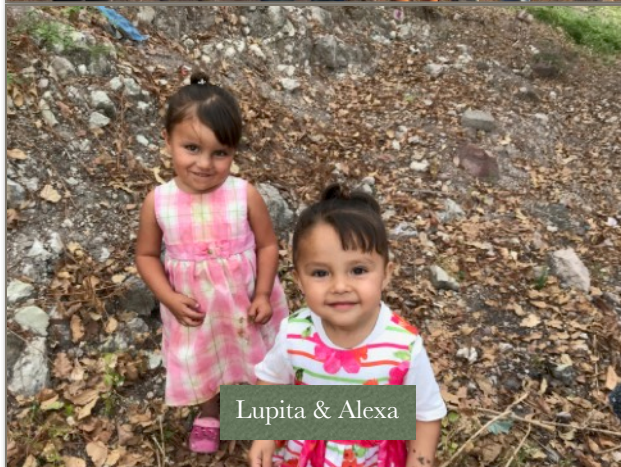
I'm so excited about what God is doing in Arumbaro! We continue to have a great group of kids who consistently come every week and we're teaching them about Jesus! We are also trying to give them a love for reading and we are slowly making progress!



My group



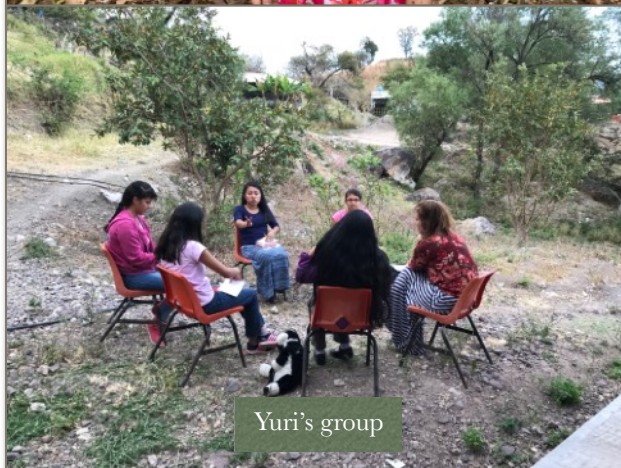
Diana, Lupita & Alexa



Lupita & Alexa



Monthly Meal



Yuri's group



Regis' group

What has us most encouraged in Arumbaro right now is that we feel that Primitivo, Toña's husband may have come to believe! He has been listening to Unshackled stories, and attending our Saturday studies for around 6 weeks. About two weeks ago when he showed up for the study I could hardly recognize him. Previously he looked shy, uncomfortable and unhappy. But this time, he showed up with a totally different expression on his face! Now he looks confident, at peace, and happy!



Toña

The next week when I was able to get him alone, I asked him, “Primitivo, ever since last week I’ve seen a change in you, do you think that you have trusted in Jesus?” With a big smile on his face he told me “Yes!” Only the Lord knows our hearts but we feel like he is probably really saved! I’m sorry, I don’t have a picture of Primitivo.

- *Please pray that Primitivo would grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- *He has struggled with drug addiction. Pray that he would be completely set free.*
- *Pray that he would be kept from Satan’s lies.*
- *Pray that the Lord would continue to bless the children in Arumbaro—that they would come to believe.*

The Hospital Ministry

Praise the Lord we have been able to continue doing this ministry every other Friday. I’m so grateful that the Lord has not only used this ministry for evangelization, but also for discipling some of the young people in the Church. These young people are not only actively learning to share the Gospel, but also benefiting from godly fellowship with older believers.



- *Please pray that we would speak to the right people when we go.*
- *Pray that we would have boldness to speak.*
- *Pray that these young people would come to love Jesus more than life itself.*

Fishing Trip

One of the really fun things that we got to do this month was go on a fishing trip with Manuel from San Carlos. He had invited us a long time ago but we hadn’t had time until this past month. Since Manuel and his family live about two hours away from us, they don’t get to spend as much time as they’d like with other believers. Thankfully some of the families from Church went on the fishing trip and it was a really special time of fellowship and fun.





Manuel Fishing



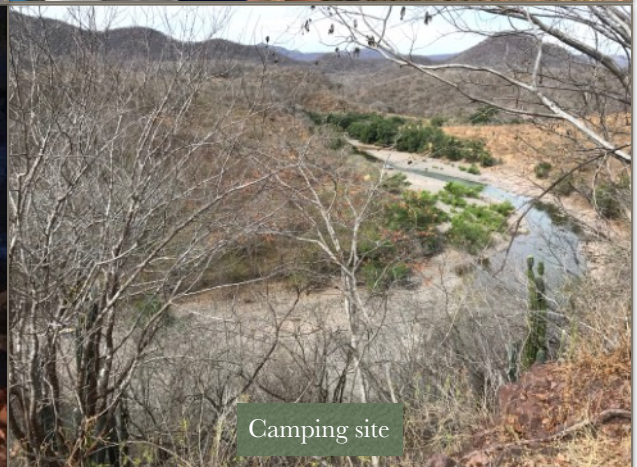
Fish!



Manuel's son, Brandon



Zaira, Annie & Keyla



Camping site

- Please pray for the encouragement of Manuel and his family.
- Pray that they would be reading the Word daily.

Valentines Day Outreach

This year we had one of the highest attendance that we have ever had for Valentines Day, about 100 guests. Among other things, we did a drama to share the gospel and people seemed really touched by it. One lady that came who had previously been very opposed to the Gospel now wants to start studying the bible with us!



Preparing for and practicing the drama



Preparing the Meal



The Guests

- *Please pray that Satan would not steal the seed that was sown.*
- *Pray that God's Word would bear much fruit.*

Amor Divino

Amor Divino is the ministry that my brother Caleb is heading up. This month we were able to work a little in this ministry on two different occasions. I believe that we are now getting close to 150,000 homes that have been visited! There is still a lot of work left to do. I wish that we could see a greater response than we have. But the Lord constantly reminds me that we are sowing; and that the time to reap may take a while.



In the meantime, I need to be devoting myself to prayer! Please join me in praying for those who have received, and are receiving the Word of God in their homes!

- *Please pray once again that Satan would not steal the seed that has been sown.*
- *Pray that where ever the Word has been received, it would bear much fruit.*
- *Pray that God would strengthen those who are working in this task.*
- *Pray that the Lord would raise up people to pray for this ministry!*
- *Pray that God would provide laborers for the coming harvest.*

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Devote yourselves to prayer...

Colossians 4:2a

What's Next?

In March we will be doing the annual camping-trip Parents in Action camp. Besides that, we will also be having the Easter family camp right at the end of the month.

- *Please pray that God would bless the camping trip and make it a meaningful time for all who go.*
- *Pray that the Lord would be the one who speaks in the teachings of the Easter camp.*
- *Pray for strength and wisdom in the planning and preparation of the camps.*
- *Pray for safety for those who come.*

Thank you for praying for the work in Mexico. The Lord is answering our prayers, and I have the privilege of watching Him do it first hand! Thank you!

nathan,

Your brother in JESUS.

Our Lord, COME!