

# *Christ, Only Christ!*

Proclaiming HIM    Following HIM



# February 2019

## When all thy mercies, O my God

When all thy mercies, O my God,  
My rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I'm lost  
In wonder, love, and praise.

When in the slippery paths of youth  
With heedless steps I ran,  
Thine arm, unseen, conveyed me safe,  
And led me up to man.

When worn with sickness, oft hast thou  
With health renewed my face,  
And when in sins and sorrows sunk  
Revived my soul with grace.

Through every period of my life  
Thy goodness I'll pursue;  
And after death, in distant worlds,  
The pleasing theme renew.

When nature falls, and day and night  
Divide Thy works no more.  
My ever grateful heart, O Lord,  
Thy mercies shall adore.

Through all eternity, to thee  
A grateful song I'll raise;  
But O eternity's too short  
To utter all thy praise!

Joseph Addison

# Parents in Action Camp

After having to reschedule this camp due to a shortage of gasoline in Mexico, we were finally able to do it the beginning of this month. Many families came and it really turned out well. The missionary biography we read for this camp was on the life of Amy Carmichael in India.



We decorated the dining room to give it an Indian flare. For dinner we had a delicious meal of Curry and Chapati bread!

It was a lot of fun and I felt people were refreshed and encouraged.



- ▶ *Father, thank you for allowing us to do this camp!*
- ▶ *Move these parents to take action for the good of their children!*
- ▶ *Expose any lies they are believing and help them to believe the truth.*
- ▶ *May they instruct their children not with words alone but by example. In Jesus name, amen.*

## The Fishing Trip

Right before this camp, we went on a fishing trip with some of the families in our church. It was wonderful! I can't tell you how much I enjoyed this time.

We traveled down to San Carlos (about two hours from the camp) and picked up Manuel and his family. From there, we drove for another hour on a rough dirt road cut into the mountains of the Sierra Madre Sur. As you can imagine, by the time we reached the river, we were out in the middle of nowhere!

At night I marveled, looking up at a sky studded with more stars than I had ever seen. Gazing at this majestic picture, I couldn't help but remember the Psalmist's words: "What is man, that You take thought of him, and the son of man that You care for him?"



Michael & Sofi's camp!



My dad and Daniel



Younger kids enjoying breakfast



Ivan, Manuel & Lupita eating breakfast



Miguel reading his Bible



Lupita & Annie making HUGE flour tortillas!

Fabian, cleaning the fish

Our beautiful river campsite

- ▶ *Father, thank you for giving us this time to enjoy your beautiful world!*
- ▶ *May we serve you with greater joy as we look forward to Heaven. Amen.*

# Arumbaro

Arumbaro is a small village about a 40 minute drive from the camp. We have been visiting this place once a week for about ten years. Originally, we would visit the different homes of the people and do a short Bible study with any who were willing to listen.



Our monthly meal together

Ignacia & Leonarda

Toña & Primitivo

Over the years we came to realize that even though they would always receive us in their homes, many of them were just being polite and weren't really interested.

To find out who was really interested, we decided to start doing a Bible study in the center of the village where anyone who was interested could come and learn. Thankfully this seems to have separated those truly interested (and even willing to suffer persecution), from the rest.



Though the majority of those who would previously receive us in their home don't come to the study, many of them do send their kids each week. So we usually have only a few adults but lots of kids!

► *Dear Lord, may Jesus be proclaimed and seen in Arumbaro.*  
► *Strengthen those who have received Him.*  
► *May they be in your Word daily.*  
► *Cause the greatness of Your love to control their lives!*  
► *Give us wisdom in leading all these children to You. In Jesus name, amen.*

## Trip to the States

As you probably remember, we had a trip to the States this month and we were there for about two weeks. The family reunion was wonderful! We were celebrating my grandmother's 80th birthday!



I hadn't seen some of my cousins for a long time and I was so encouraged to find them stronger in their faith and actively serving the Lord with their lives!

After the family reunion, we spent a wonderful week with the dear believers from Faith Bible Fellowship. We were overwhelmed by their generosity and so blessed by all their love!



- ▶ *Father, thank you for answering our prayer for traveling mercies!*
- ▶ *Thank you for this wonderful time of encouragement! Amen.*

## What's Next?

This Sunday I will be going to Zamora to share at the church service there.

Believe it or not, we will be going on a camping trip in the middle of March as part of our Parents in Action camps! I can't wait! I almost feel guilty getting to go camping twice in two months!

Also I may be helping the Tuohys in Amor Divino this month as they have a team down from the States.

And Lord willing we will be doing all the weekly ministries.

- ▶ *Dear Lord, bless my trip to Zamora and make me a blessing to the believers there.*
- ▶ *Please bless the camping trip and make it count for eternity.*
- ▶ *Prepare the people who will be receiving your Word as we go door to door in Amor Divino.*
- ▶ *Please speak through us as we teach your Word to the lost.*
- ▶ *And in all things may it be Christ, only Christ! Amen.*

I highly value your prayer! Thank you for all your support!

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Your brother in CHRIST!

- ▶ **MARANATHA!**