

Christ, Only Christ!

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



*We sigh for human love, from which a whim or chance may sever,
And leave unsought the love of God, tho' God's love lasts forever
We seek earth's peace in things that pass like foam upon the river,
While steadfast as the stars on high, God's peace abides forever.
Man's help, for which we long, gives way, as trees in storm winds quiver,
But mightier than all human need God's help remains forever.
Turn unto Thee our wavering hearts, o Thou who failest never;
Give us Thy love and Thy great peace, and be our Help forever.*

Effie Smith Ely

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Señora Luz



Luz

My mom and I have been able to continue giving a Bible study to Señora Luz every Thursday morning. She continues to show attention and interest at every study and we feel like she is getting closer to understanding the Gospel!



This is where Luz lives. About a 20 minute drive from the Camp.

Through her, we have also been able to share the Gospel with one of her sons, Cristian, who lives in the area; and through text messages with one of her daughters, Oralia, who lives in the States. They both seem very open and interested. I don't have a picture of Oralia.

- *Please pray that Luz would understand and believe in the Gospel.*
- *Pray that the Lord would lead Cristian and Oralia to the light.*
- *Pray that Satan's lies would be exposed by the truth!*



Cristian

Parents in Action

In preparation for each Parents in Action camp, the families are given a study on a book or subject of the Bible; and also a biography to read. For this camp, we read *A Captain for Hans*. It's a fascinating story about the Anabaptists in Switzerland approximately 100 years after the Reformation—a place and time in history I was totally ignorant of.



This Parents in Action camp turned out to be the biggest we've had so far. Praise the Lord there really seemed to be a lot of enthusiasm among those who came!

This being said, we were disappointed that some of the families from our church didn't show up.

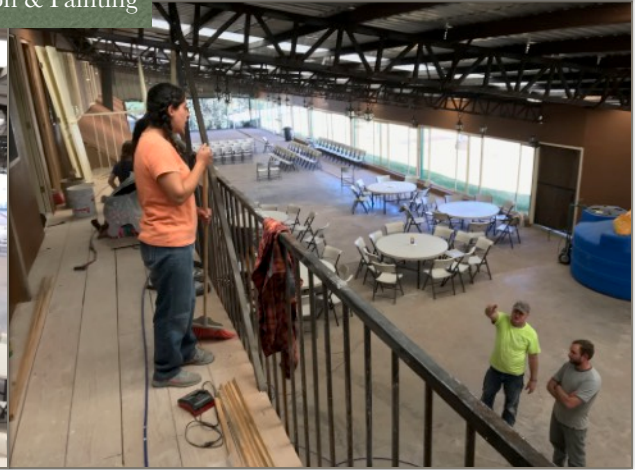
- *Please pray for the families who didn't come to be challenged and encouraged to come.*
- *Pray that the parents would lead their children in the way they should go.*
- *Pray that they would be a living example of what they are teaching their children.*

Work Team

Last week we were blessed by a great team from the States that helped us continue the camp construction. Praise the Lord 14 new apartments are now usable, and a ton of much-needed painting was done!



Construction & Painting



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Putting floor in new apartment



Supper time!



Singing hymns after work!

We can't express how grateful we are for all this help! It was such an encouraging week of fellowship!

In the last update, I asked you to pray for safety during this work week. We had some close calls and looking back I can see how the Lord answered our prayers. Thank you!

- *Please praise the Lord with me for His hand of protection!*
- *Praise the Lord for this great advance on the camp facilities!*

San Carlos

The Lord seems to be telling me to persevere in San Carlos. He also gave my good friend Regis a heart to take over the children's ministry in Charo.

I don't know why, but the attendance of the kids in San Carlos is consistently inconsistent! It makes it kind of hard to teach them anything that has a sequence. Because of this, I've started reading them a verse or Bible story each week instead of doing something that would be incomplete if you only heard it one time. I'm praying that the Lord will use this to give them a hunger for the truth.



Regis



The group of young people from our church who go with us every week to San Carlos.

Playing volleyball with the kids in San Carlos.

- *Please pray for an open door to the children in San Carlos.*
- *Pray that Satan's lies would be exposed by the light of the Gospel.*

What's Next?

I can't think of anything out of the ordinary, except that in the next month I will be renewing my visa. The main thing will just be plugging away at the different weekly ministries. I can't say how much I value your prayers!

- *Please pray for strength and patience.*
- *Pray that all would go well with my visa.*
- *Pray that the Lord would continue to protect us as we travel to all these ministries every week.*
- *Pray that the grace of Christ would be showered on us as we serve *Him*.*

There are so many things that I didn't mention but I'm afraid I've already taken too much of your time. Thank you!

nathan,

Your brother in JESUS.

Our Lord, COME!