

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



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That I Might Know Him

That I might know Him! Let this be life's aim,
Still to explore the wealth stored in His Name.

With heaven-bought intelligence to trace
The glories that light up His sinless face:

That I might know His power day by day,
Protecting guiding in the upward way:

That I might know His Presence, calm and pure,
Changeless midst changes, and midst losses sure:

To dwell with Him, in spirit, day and night;
To walk with Him by faith, if not by sight;

To work with Him, as He shall plan, not I:
To cleave to Him, and let the world go by:

To live on earth a life of selfless love;
To set the mind and heart on things above:

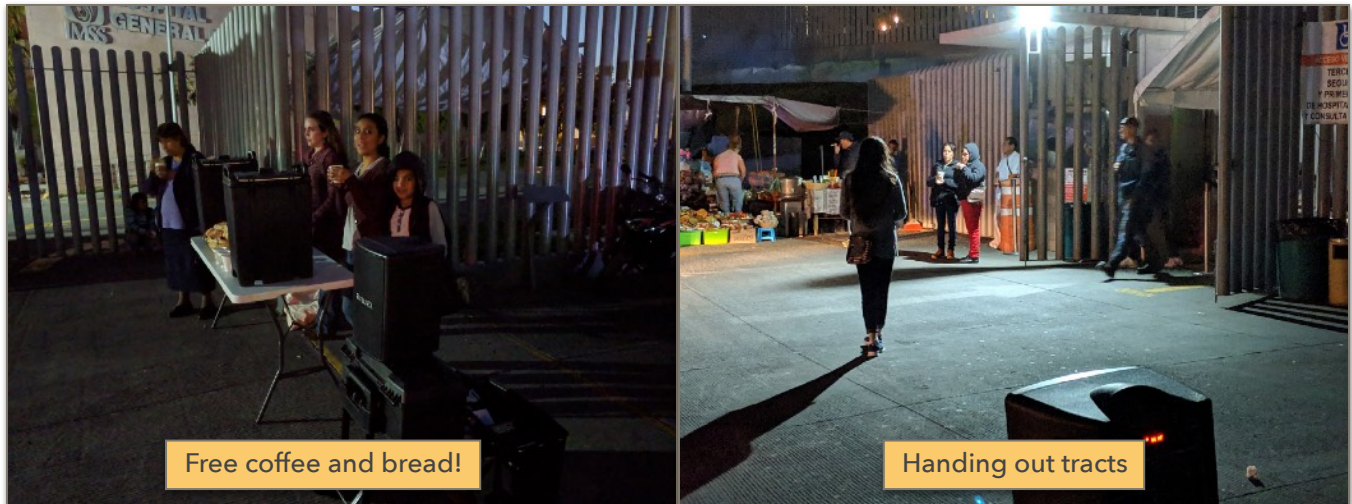
Till I shall see Him without vision dim,
And know Him as I know I'm known of Him.

Max I. Reich

Hospital Ministry

On our last visit to the Hospital, I had the opportunity of talking to a man who had worked in the States for some time. When he told me that he had learned to speak English listening to Joel Olstein I thought I was in for trouble! But thankfully I was able to explain to him the problem with the

teaching of the prosperity Gospel and he seemed to understand and be in agreement. I left Him with a CD with portions of the Bible, hymns and 5 unshackled testimonies. He seemed happy to receive it and told me that he would listen to it!



Recently, we have been taking a battery operated speaker, through which we play hymns. All of the songs are Gospel focused and very clear; and we've notice that people really seem to stop and listen to the songs!

Every time we go we hand out close to 100 Gospel tracts and have several good conversations! I just love doing this ministry!

- ▶ *Father, continue working in those who have received Your Word.*
- ▶ *Accomplish Your will in their lives.*
- ▶ *Give all those who are going to this ministry boldness to proclaim Christ without shame!*
- ▶ *Fill us with your love for lost souls. In Jesus name, amen!*

La Purisima

I'm really encouraged right now with this ministry! My sister Katie and good friend Regis always go with me and they have been in charge of the ministry with the children. Besides those who usually come, a couple other kids have started attending too! So they have about 6 kids on average.

I have been doing the Bible study with the adults. I don't know if you remember praying that the Lord would use Damian and Flora to reach others with the Gospel? Well, I am still marveling at how He continues to answer that prayer! Three of their daughters come regularly to the study and one of their sons will come every once in a while. This is largely due to the fact that Damian pleads with them to come and in his own words: "Take time for the Word of God"!

Also, Erick one of their grandsons who I gave the Bible to, seems like he is on the right path. He's the one who ran away from the drug rehabilitation center, and was given a ride home by a man who told him he needed to read the Bible.

After I gave him the Bible he went to work in the States and was gone for about 6 months. I never knew what he had done with the Bible I gave him. But, thankfully he is back now and when I saw him again, I asked him: "Have you been reading your Bible?" Much to my delight and surprise he told me that he had already read it from cover to cover and continued to read it every day!



Violeta is Erick's mom

Magali, Violeta, Denise, Rosa, Katie

The place we do the study

But I was even more surprised when he said: "It took me 2 months to finish it. I'm sorry it took me so long, but I wanted to make sure I thought about what I was reading"!

Erick lives in a town about 15 minutes from La Purisima but hasn't been coming to the weekly Bible studies. I don't know why he doesn't come, but I do know that he is reading God's word every day and that the Lord is working in his heart!



Erick holding his new Bible

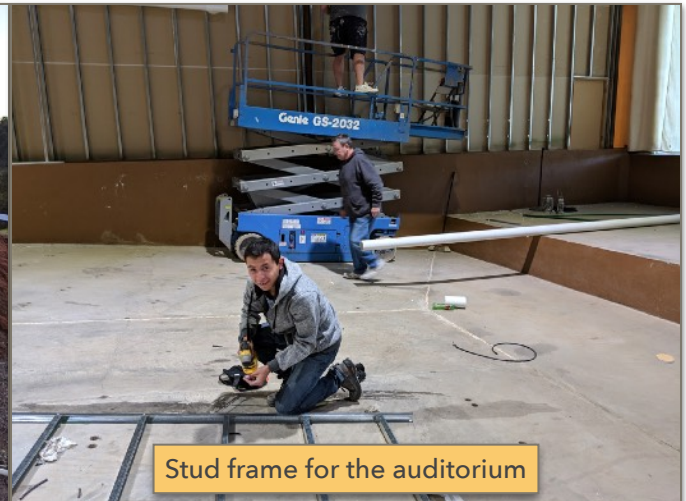
- O Lord, thank you for what you are doing in these people's lives!
- Protect them from Satan's lies and free them from his power.
- Continue to bring more children to hear about Jesus!
- And guide our tongues and our actions so that they reflect Christ. Amen!

Work Team

We have been so blessed this week to have a work team down from Arkansas! As I write, they are finishing up the last details on a work week that has seen new toilets, sinks and showers installed in 14 apartments! Not to mention that they are finishing the drywall in the auditorium.



Tapping into the water pipe



Stud frame for the auditorium



Drain for sink



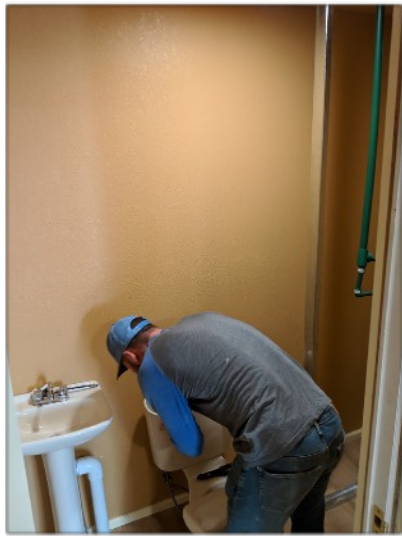
Working on main drainage



Regis working on the wall



Alejandro sanding



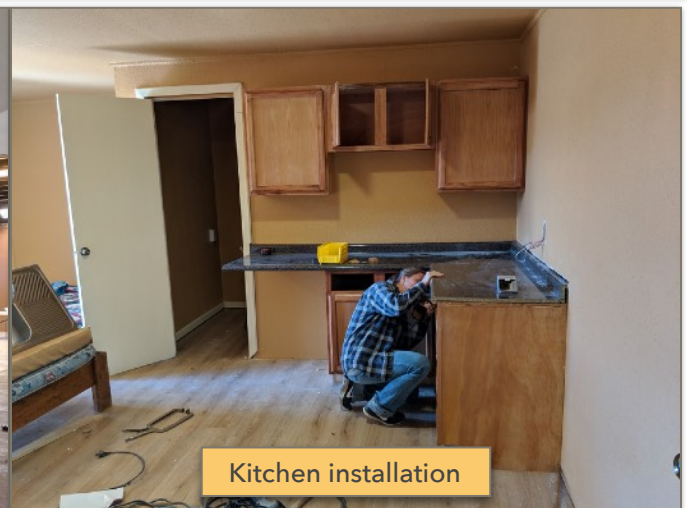
Derick fixing the leaks



Zack and Herbert installing the kitchen sink



Drywall crew



Kitchen installation

We are so grateful! Their work will be a huge blessing for years to come Lord willing!

- ▶ *Father, thank you for these dear brothers and sisters in Christ who are an example and encouragement to us!*
- ▶ *Thank you for your protection during the this work week.*
- ▶ *May these installations always be used for your honor and glory! In Jesus name, amen.*



Making plans

Doña Luz

We have continued this study every week and Luz is always so enthusiastic and thankful every time. She can't read very small print so a few weeks ago we gave her a Bible with EXTRA LARGE print. She was so excited about her new Bible and has been trying to read it every day. I feel like every study she is coming closer—but I don't think she has come to the point of rest in the finished work of Christ.

Yesterday, her daughter Marina was with her for the Bible study and Luz told us she will be coming to the studies from now on.

- *Wonderful Savior, open Luz' eyes to the truth of the Gospel.*
- *Work in Marina's life, and give her a hunger for the truth.*
- *May the Holy Spirit be the one speaking in every study.*
- *Expose the enemy's lies, and free them with the truth. Amen.*



Doña Luz

Berea Music Ministry

Many of the new churches that have started don't have any musicians and struggle with singing in their services. To help with this problem we have been slowly recording the songs in the hymn book that we use, on the piano. We've been doing it for about a year now and have a little over 100 songs so far. There are about 600 in our hymn book! But one of my goals this year is, with the Lord's help, to finish recording all the songs!

- *Lord, thank you that we have a way of recording these songs.*
- *Please provide all that I need to finish this project in the next year.*
- *And may it be a blessing to your people! In Jesus name, amen*

What's Next?

Last month I told you that we would have a Parents in Action camp in January. Due to a shortage of gasoline in the country at the time the camp was going to take place, it was changed it to February.

Also, this weekend we are looking forward to going on a fishing trip with some of the church down to San Carlos were Manuel and his family live!

Toward the end of February we will be going up to Texas for a family reunion and after that, up to Arkansas to visit one of our main supporting churches and pick up 10,000 gospels of John.

- *Father, please shower us with your amazing grace this month!*
- *Give us wisdom in every decision we make.*
- *Help us make the most of our time.*
- *Grant us traveling mercies.*
- *And, wherever we go, may it be Christ, only Christ who is seen and heard in us! Amen.*

Thank you so much for your interest and prayers!

Nathan,

Your brother in CHRIST!

- *OUR LORD – COME! Amen!*