

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



January 2022

God's "No" Means "Something Better"

God's "no" means "something better" -
I can trust Him with my all.
The God who formed the Universe
Attendeth when I call;

And when in love and wisdom
He withholds my heart's request,
His "no" means "something better"
He will give me what is best.

God's "wait awhile's" bring blessings
That His "right away's" withhold
When He's tried me in the fire
I shall then come forth as gold.

O what peace it brings in sorrow,
And what comfort fills my breast
Just to know whate'er His answer,
He will give me what is best.

- Barbara C. Ryberg

Arkansas Work Team

We were once again blessed in January by the visit of a construction team from Little Rock. This year, instead of continuing with projects at the camp we all traveled to Ciudad Hidalgo to help Michael and Sofia fix up the house they had rented. The house is surrounded by a large garden and the property has several buildings on it that will work great for the church to start meeting.



Filling cracks in the wall



Tearing out old windows



Repairing wall around window



New window frame

Though the location and setup were ideal, the house and other buildings are very old and they needed a lot of fixing up. The Lord miraculously opened the door for this unusual rental place, in a city where rentals were very rare and inadequate. The owner made a deal with Michael to lower the rent to an affordable rate, in exchange for Michael fixing up the house with its many deficiencies. He has also agreed to maintain the price for a couple of years. The team that came down from the US got a tremendous amount of work done and Michael and Sofi are now officially settled in Ciudad Hidalgo and have started a meeting in their home on Sundays for those who are interested and have been studying the Bible!



Team working on the huge project of re-sealing the leaky roof



Installing new tile in the bathroom



Re-doing the electricity in the entire house!



Completely new kitchen



Painting the new window frames



Everyone in front of the "new" house!

- Dear Lord, use this house and Michael and Sofi to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples in Ciudad Hidalgo!
- Put a hedge of protection around them and their family. Amen.

Parents in Action

Last weekend we had a Parents in Action camp! It was such an encouraging time. We probably had about 100 people come.

This time the families read the biography of a missionary to the Muslims in Algeria. What an amazing story! Everyone who read it was very impacted. That biography makes working in Mexico with Catholics look like a piece of cake! Everyone also did a study on 2 Timothy.



Families presenting the verses they memorized from 2 Timothy



Doing the quiz on the biography



Answering questions on 2 Timothy

- Heavenly Father, help these parents lead their children to Christ.
- May these parents walk themselves in the Way their children should go.
- Make these families bright lights in the cities, towns and neighborhoods where they live. In Jesus name, amen.

What's Next?

The first weekend of February we plan on doing a fishing camping trip with the families that are into that kind of thing.

We're starting a new accountability/discipleship ministry with the young boys in our church.

I have lots of things to do for Havilah in February.

We've continued going to San Carlos Sunday afternoons and I have two weekly Bible studies right now.

- *Wonderful Savior, show us Your will in every decision we make.*
- *Help us to obey Your will.*
- *May we use every situation to proclaim and follow Christ, only Christ! Amen.*

Thank you for taking time to read this update and pray for the work down here.

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Your brother in CHRIST!

- *OUR LORD, COME!*