

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



January 2023

Fullness of Joy

God is so good! My heart just sings
To think that He, the King of kings,
Should call me, by His love, apart
And deign to dwell within my heart.

In Him alone I find delight,
All other joys have taken flight.
He is my peace, and I have found
Pleasures at His right hand abound-

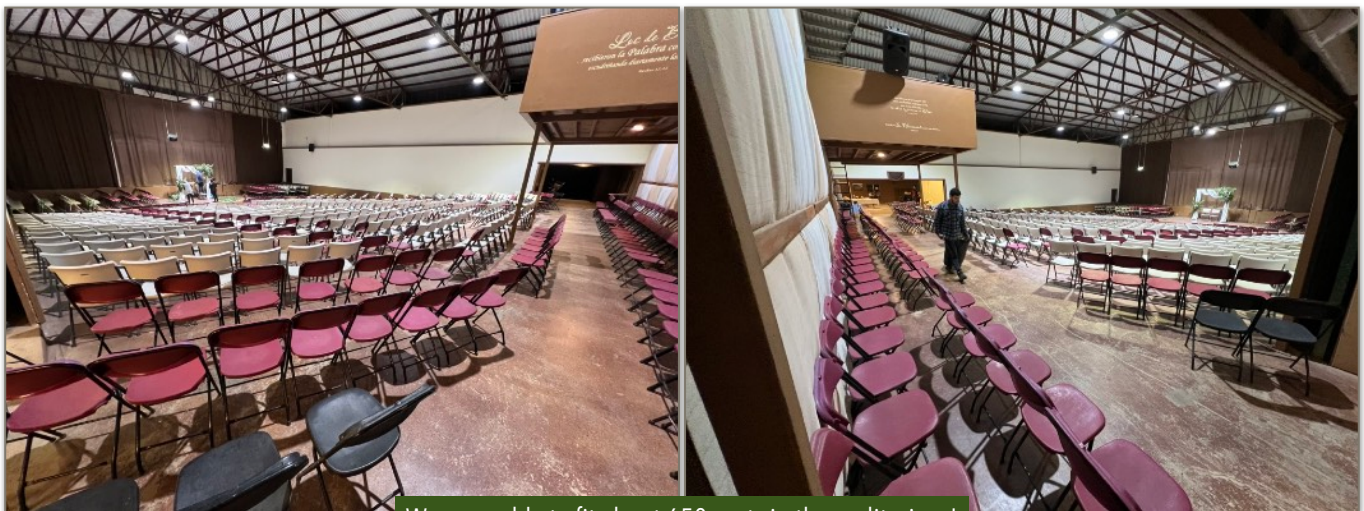
Pleasures that last forevermore;
(How quickly those of earth are o'er!)
Fullness of joy - fullness of peace,
Here in His presence never cease.
Low at Thy feet, dear Lord, I fall -
How can my heart contain it all?

How can my mind Thy love conceive?
Still, 'tis Thy word, and I believe.
Ever my heart shall sing Thy praise,
Ever my lips shall tell Thy ways -
God is so great, and I so small
How can my heart contain it all!

Barbara C. Ryberg

Our Wedding!

Our wedding turned out even better than we could have dreamed! We are so grateful to the Lord and to so many people who made it possible. We had 735 people confirm their attendance before the wedding and it seems like we had well over 600 people come!



We were able to fit about 650 seats in the auditorium!



Enriqueta from San Carlos (right) helped us make the main dish.



Alma Roa who helps us run Havilah also helped out in the kitchen.



Olivia helped us make the rice



Cooking the meat for the wedding meal



This is Yuri's mom helping cook chillies for the salsa



Guests in the auditorium



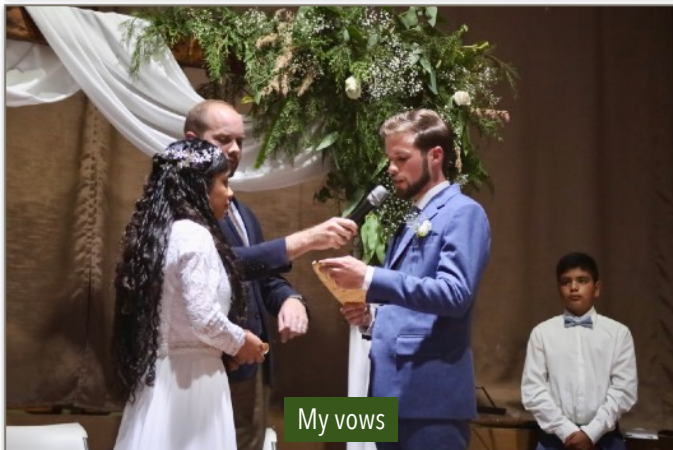
Walking in with my beautiful mother!



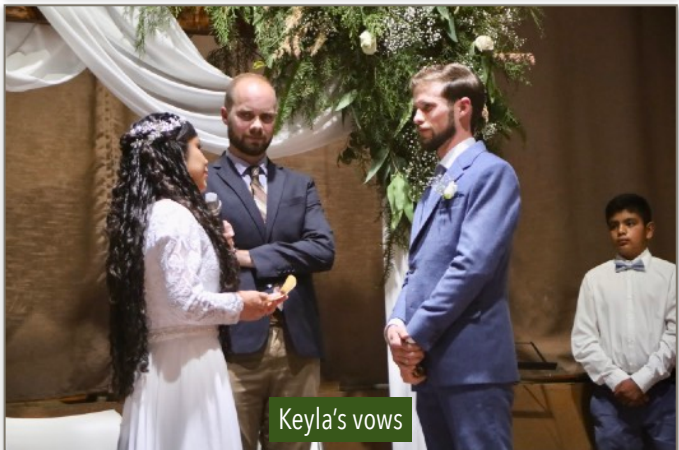
My gorgeous bride with her parents!



Together at last!



My vows



Keyla's vows

The most important thing to us was that fact that lots of unbelieving friends, family and neighbors whom we had invited did in fact come, and they heard the Gospel very clearly presented.

- *Dear Lord, don't let those who came to our wedding forget the words of truth they heard.*
- *Continue working in their lives that they might come to Christ and be saved!*
- *Help us to continue reaching out to these lost souls. In Jesus name, amen.*

Funeral

I'm sure that most of you have already heard the heartbreaking news of the sudden death of 5 beloved young believers ages 18 to 23 in a highway accident on January 22nd. Though it has been an excruciatingly painful time for all the families and loved ones, they have responded well—trusting the Lord and the name of Christ has been proclaimed and glorified!



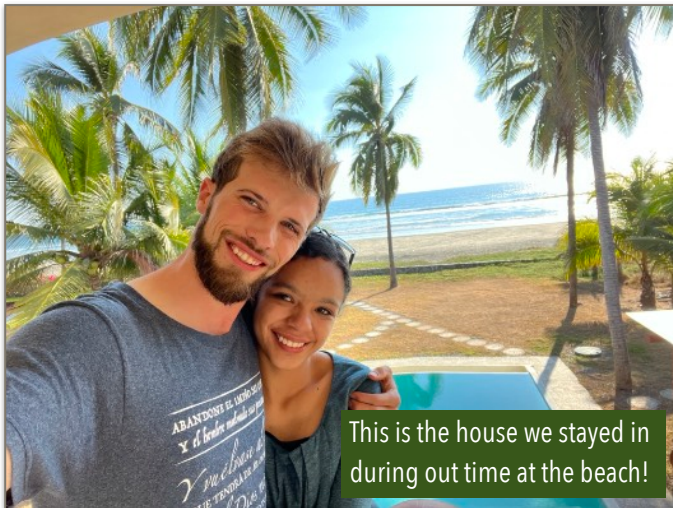
The funeral was held in Little Rock AR and was live streamed all around the world. We held a funeral service at the camp and had the live stream translated to Spanish by a kind and very talented brother in Christ. Everyone who came to the funeral was very impacted and the Gospel was clearly shared over and over again.

We trust that the Lord has done and will continue to do great things through this sad phenomenon.

- *Good Shepherd, continue strengthening and comforting all the families and love ones.*
- *Save many lost and straying souls as result of this event.*
- *May Christ continue to be proclaimed and exalted through this. Amen!*

Honey Moon

It may seem a little strange to give a report about our Honey Moon but we consider it to be our first missionary journey together! We were able to share the Gospel with several different people and hand out lots of Gospel tracts. We even invited a couple over to the house we were staying in for dinner one night and were able to talk about spiritual things for hours! We even exchanged phone numbers and have kept in touch with them.



This is the house we stayed in during our time at the beach!

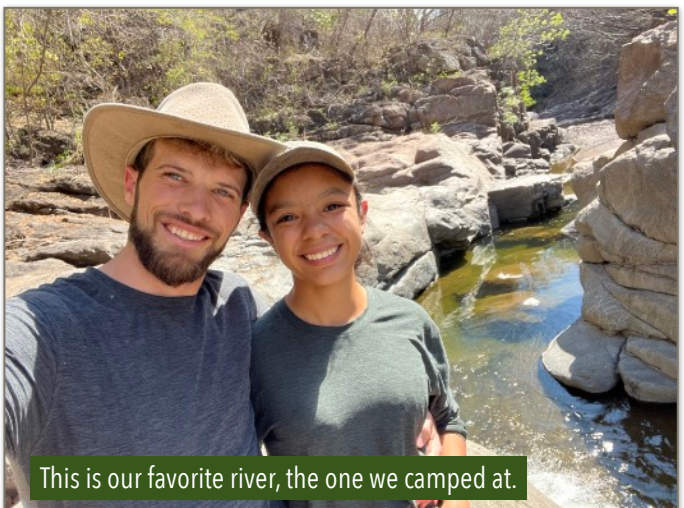


We made friends with these local fishermen and were able to clearly share the gospel with them!

After spending several days at the beach we drove up into the mountains on the same road we traverse on our annual bike trip from the camp to the beach. After camping at our favorite river for a couple days we drove to Huetamo, the city we have been hoping to work in as missionaries. During our three and a half hour drive to Huetamo we continue to pray that the Lord would clearly lead us as we explored this city and that he would open and close doors for us.



These are the mountains we drove through!



This is our favorite river, the one we camped at.

When we arrive in Huetamo, we decided to go for a walk and do a little exploring. We eventually ended up in the city marketplace. As we walked through the market we were amazed to see a lady probably in her late 50s who sold clothes sitting in her little booth attentively reading her Bible! Unfortunately, this is not something we see very often and it really caught our attention.



After starting a conversation with her I asked if she was a Christian or JW or what she believed? She answered: "I don't know who to believe. That's why I'm reading the Bible for myself. I've studied with the JW's and I've gone to many different churches in Huetamo but they all seem to teach something that disagrees with the Bible."

We talked with Gudelia for close the 20 minutes and told her that we hoped to move to Huetamo in the near future and start a church who's authority was the Word of God. We agreed to let her know as soon as we got establish in Huetamo and she said that she would like to come to "our" church to see what it was like. :)

Needless to say, this conversation and encounter was very encouraging and seemed like another clear answer to prayer! We are very excited and have started looking for land or houses we could either rent or buy in Huetamo. We still don't know what the Lord's timing is but we do feel like He is clearly leading us in this direction.

- *Heavenly Father, continue making Your will clear to us.*
- *Help us to make the most of our time here at the camp.*
- *Go before us and prepare hearts to receive your Word in Huetamo.*
- *Provide someone to take my place in Havilah if that's Your will. Amen.*

What's Next?

We will be supporting others in the Valentines Day outreach this month.

We also continue going to San Carlos on Sunday afternoons.

The Bible study with Gabriel and Alejandra the atheist couple and their friend Juanita has been on hold but they came to our wedding and have told us that they would like to continue doing the Bible study. We are just waiting for them to tell us when.

I've also continued running and administering Havilah for the time being and that keeps me quite busy.

- *Wonderful Savior, bless the Valentines Day outreach, may Your Spirit move powerfully.*
- *May Your will be done in the lives of Manuel and Enriqueta in San Carlos!*
- *Open the door for us to continue studying the Bible with Gabriel and Alejandra.*
- *Help me to put my heart into Havilah until the end.*
- *In all we do, may Christ, only Christ be seen and glorified! Amen.*

Nathan & Keyla

Yours in CHRIST!

▸ *OUR LORD, COME!*