

Christ, Only Christ!

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



*The days go by the weeks how fast, and all at once the year is past,
And oh how much we meant to do before another year was through;
The boys and girls we planned to reach, the multitudes we meant to teach!
But some of them have slipped away before we found the time to say
A word for Christ. Ah, had we known, how eager then our hearts had grown!
And some whose hearts were warmed to hear the name of him we love so dear,
Have since grown cold and hard in sin, and now they will not ask Him in.
For Satan found them prey indeed, because we failed to sow the seed.
God's time is now, this day, this hour, to rescue souls from Satan's power.
The most sincere, repentant sigh, will not recall the years gone by;
But there are those who wait today willing for you to point the way.
Forget the things that lie behind, and press ahead with yielded mind,
And heart and hands, and feet and eyes, to reach the goal, to gain the prize.*

Barbara C. Ryberg

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Youth Camps

I'm so grateful for all your prayers for the past three weeks of youth camps! The Lord answered our prayers. Every thing came together in time for the camps, the teachings were great, Jesus was the focus and the Lord gave special grace to those serving during each of the camps!

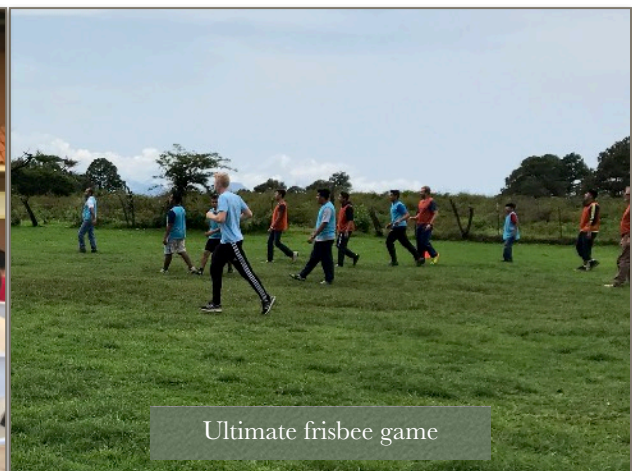
If you're interested, here's some extra information about how we do the camps.

We divide the campers into four different teams, each with its own counselor and co-counselor. These teams will then compete in different sports and activities with the goal of trying to accumulate the most points. The teams can also make points by memorizing Bible verses and answering questions in the daily quiz on the teachings they heard that day. The first week was the 13-17 year old boys camp. The second week was the single adults camp, 18 and older. And the last week was the 13-17 year old girls camp.

Pictures from the boys camp:



Miguel's Teaching



Ultimate frisbee game



Ted's team doing push-ups



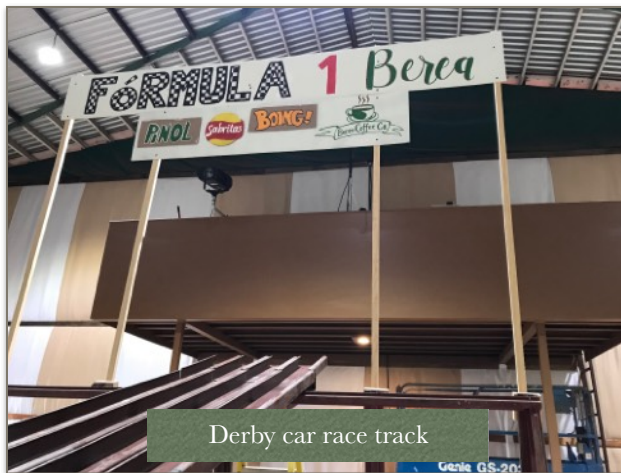
Story time with Nate



Wrestling match



Pull-up tournament



Derby car race track



Arm wrestle Manuel vs. Isaac



Tug of war



Winning team!

Pictures from single adults camp:



Our camp directors!



Counselors dividing up teams

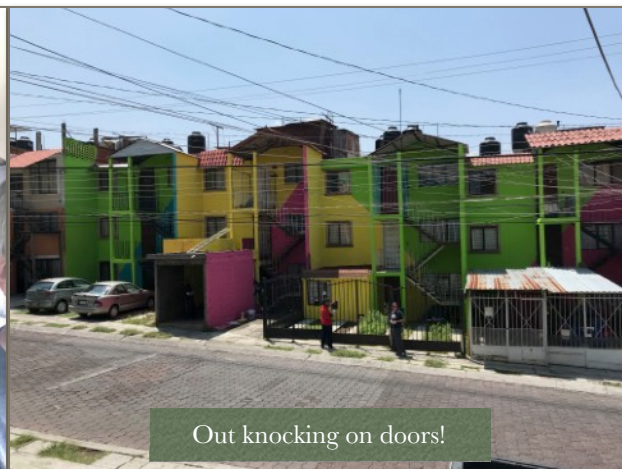


Story time with Nate





Going to do Amor Divino



Out knocking on doors!



4v4 volleyball



Tug of war



The last night of the camp!



Some of the kitchen team



Leak in the roof falling on dishwashers!

Pictures from the girls camp:



Singing before teaching



Time for lunch!



The blue team!



Quiz on teaching of the day



Girls "hockey"



Capture the flag



Craft for girls camp



Cross stitch winners!

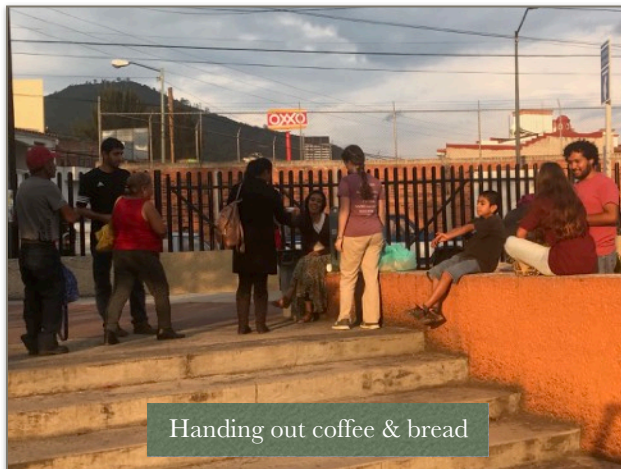
Sarai, 13 years old, told us that she really came to understand the Gospel and believe in Christ during the camp! As she listened to the teaching she also made the decision of breaking up with her unsaved boyfriend and getting rid of her cell phone! Sarai is from Ciudad Hidalgo and is the daughter of Tina, a lady we met in June doing Amor Divino.

Many of the campers were challenged and encouraged by the teachings and the fellowship! Now I'm praying that they will not be hearers only, but also doers of the Word!

- *Please pray that Satan would not steal the seed that has been sown.*
- *Pray that these young people would not continue to believe lies.*
- *Pray that the veil would be removed from their eyes as they read the Word.*
- *Pray that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ!*

Hospital Ministry

Just a couple of weeks ago Gabriel called me from Apatzingán and thankfully he is still reading his Bible and going to church! In January of 2019 we are planning on doing Amor Divino in the city of Apatzingán. Gabriel was really excited about the project when I told him and Lord willing I will be able to go and see him then.



Handing out coffee & bread



Handing out Gospel tracts



Ana (right) sharing the Gospel



People at the hospital

Every time we go to the hospital people are open and interested. We usually are able to hand out about 75-100 gospel tracts and start several spiritual conversations with different people. But I believe the most important thing we can do for this ministry is pray.

- *Please pray that the Lord would give us boldness to speak.*
- *Pray that we would speak to the right people.*
- *Pray that Satan would not be able to close down this ministry.*
- *Pray that we would be light and salt.*

San Carlos

During the youth camps Manuel and his family came up two different times and spent several days at the camp. Some of the teaching that Manuel heard during the time he was here really had an impact on him and he seems to be really encouraged right now!

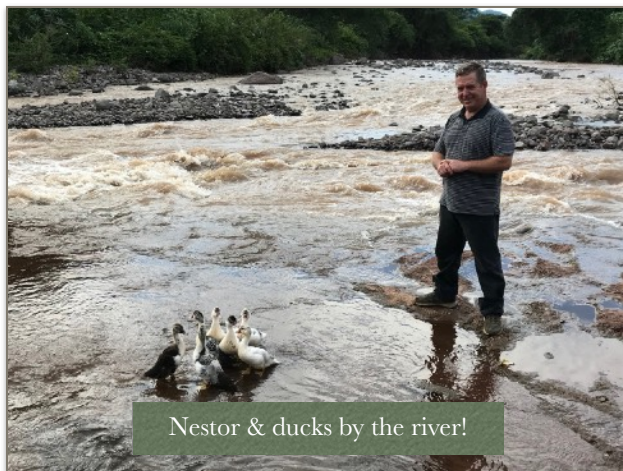
The children are still consistently inconsistent about coming, but I will usually have a group of about 6 or 7 kids. The good thing is that Ana has been able to continue working with her group of little girls each week! So in total we are working with about 12 to 15 kids every Sunday. And it does seem like people are slowly gaining more and more confidence in us and I'm praying that we will soon have even more kids coming!



Kids playing memory with Edy



Coloring with Yuri



Nestor & ducks by the river!



Damaris Manuel's daughter with Jisel, Joana & Yuri

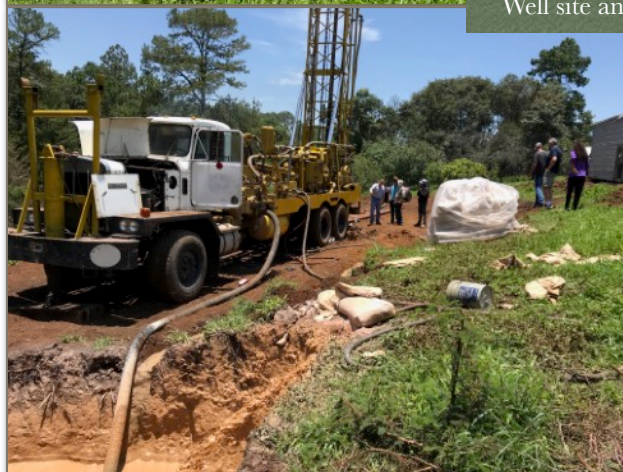
- *Please pray that Manuel would not fall back into discouragement.*
- *Pray that the people in San Carlos would let the little children come!*
- *Pray that we would be diligent in this ministry.*
- *Pray for protection as we travel every Sunday afternoon!*

Well Drilling Project

They are finally drilling the well! I'm really excited about getting this project done and it will be a huge blessing for the camp! We are really hoping that this well will be able provide clean spring water for the camp that we will be able to drink. In Mexico the tap water isn't treated in any way and is not safe to drink. And in the camps we use a lot of water!



Well site and drilling rig



- *Please pray that we would be able to witness to the men working on the well.*
- *Pray for protection for those involved in the project.*
- *Pray that we would be able to find good clean water!*

What's Next?

This month I don't believe we have anything out of the ordinary. One thing that does come to mind is that my good friend Regis will be applying for his US visa next week. Also I would like to start working on recording audio books in Spanish this month. And I really need to keep on working on a new album of hymns in Spanish.

- *Please pray that Regis's visa would be approved.*
- *Pray for wisdom in knowing how to do the audio books.*
- *Pray that God would bless this new music album.*

Sorry that I'm sending the prayer letter out so late this time!

The Lord is doing great things! Thank you for your faithful prayers.

Nathan,

Your brother in JESUS.

“Our Lord, COME!”