

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



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What God Hath Promised

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain rocky and steep,
Never a river turbid and deep.

Annie Johnson Flint

La Purísima

About 3 years ago we were knocking on doors in this small town when I came to the home of Damian and Flora. Damian kindly invited me to come in and sit down. I told them that we were giving away free Gospels of John and asked if they would like one? Though he was very interested he declined my offer saying: "I don't know how to read." I then offered him the CD that has the Gospel of John in audio. But he told me they didn't have any way of listening to it.

This was not the first time I had encountered this problem. "Do you have time for me to share the message of the Bible with you?" I asked. They did, and as I shared the Good News with them they were very attentive. At the end I offered to start a Bible study with them which they accepted.



As I mentioned, that was about 3 years ago and since then the Lord has allowed us to share the Gospel with many of their family members. Every week, Regis and Katie work with the children while I give a Bible study to the adults. Sometimes it's just Damian and Flora, but other times some of their children come too. They are very poor and quite elderly. And since they live about an hour from the camp, they can't easily go to Church anywhere. At least for the moment I feel like the Lord has led me to just keep on visiting them once a week.

- ▶ *Dear Lord, make the purity and simplicity of devotion to Christ clear to Damian and Flora.*
- ▶ *Continue using them to proclaim the Gospel!*

Youth Camps

Right now we are in the last week of our youth camps. I feel like the Lord has really been answering our prayers for the campers—that they would be convicted, led and encouraged. The teachings have been outstanding!

Young boys camp:





Story time



Wrestling!



Individual winners



The winning team!

Single adults camp:



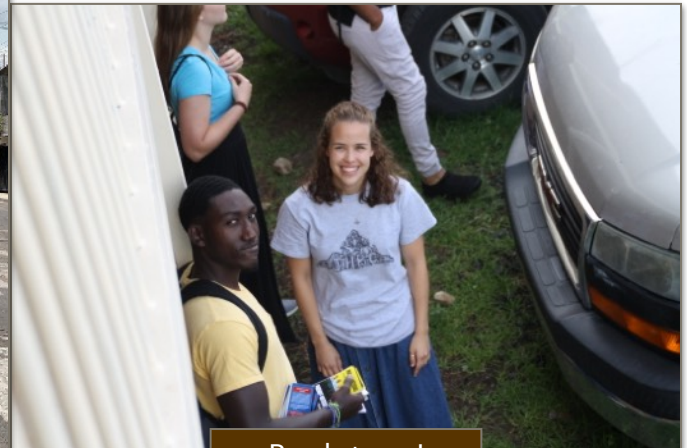
Pastry contest



My team



Going door to door



Ready to go!



Waiting for the rain to stop



Doing a Gospel presentation

Young girls camp:



Introduction by Elsa



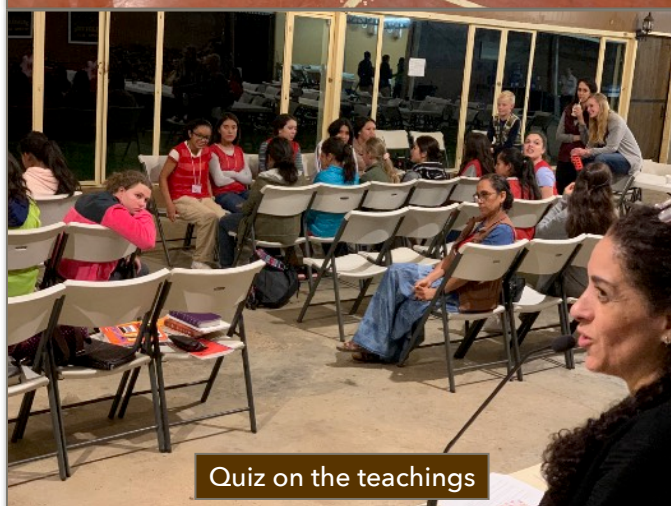
Teaching



Games with Martin



Orange team



Quiz on the teachings



Illustration for teaching

- ▶ O Lord, continue working in the hearts of these campers.
- ▶ Help them to be doers and not only hearers.
- ▶ Expose the enemy's lies.
- ▶ Help them stand on the truth!

What's Next?

The 6th of August my sister Annie and I will be leaving on a trip to the US. We were invited to go to a witnessing camp where we will train, and practice sharing the gospel at the Iowa State Fair. Then, we will attend our cousin's wedding in Minnesota. After that I'll visit some dear friends in Colorado Springs, and finally, spend around a week with my grandparents in Washington, before flying home the beginning of September.

- *Lord, please use us and make us a blessing everywhere we go.*
- *Help us to be faithful witnesses for Christ.*
- *Grant us traveling mercies.*
- *And in the coming days and weeks, may it be Christ, only Christ!*

Thank you for your interest and love!

Nathan,

Your brother in CHRIST!

- *Our Lord, COME!*