

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



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Martha and Mary

Martha was busy and hurried,
Serving the Friend divine,
Cleansing the cups and the platters,
Bringing the bread and the wine;
But Martha was careful and anxious
Fretted in thought and in word,
She had no time to be learning
While she was serving the Lord,
For Martha was "cumbered" with serving,
Martha was "troubled" with "things" -
Those that would pass with the using -
She was forgetting her wings.

But Mary was quiet and peaceful,
Learning to love and to live.
Mary was hearing His precepts,
Mary was letting Him give -
Give of the riches eternal,
Treasures of mind and of heart;
Learning the mind of the Master,
Choosing the better part.

Do we ever labor at serving
Till voices grow fretful and shrill,
Forgetting how to be loving,
Forgetting how to be still?
Do we strive for "things" in possession,
And toil for the perishing meat,
Neglecting the one thing needful -
Sitting at Jesus' feet?

Service is good when He asks it,
Labor is right in its place,
But there is one thing better -
Looking up into His face;
There is so much He would tell us,
Truths that are precious and deep;
This is the place where He wants us,
These are the things we can keep.

Annie Johnson Flint

San Carlos

I decided to stay today so I could write this update but every Sunday afternoon a group of people from our Church make the 2 hour drive down to San Carlos. The reason we go to this place is because of Manuel and his family. As the only believers there, they really need weekly encouragement.

This area of Mexico is notorious for producing "coyotes" men who make their money sneaking people across the border. In addition to this, many survive by smuggling drugs into the US.

Manuel has struggled to find a way of making a living since most of the available "work" isn't—shall we say, honest! Right now he is working for a "coyote" taking care of the cattle on his ranch. The job is fine in and of itself but has caused Manuel to spend time with ungodly men who have not helped him in his walk with the Lord.

We've been able to continue working with the children here but most families still won't let their kids come to the class. Even so the Lord has opened a door at a home in the village to have a second kids class. If you count both groups, there are about 10 to 15 kids right now.



Manuel and his family



The first group of kids



- *Heavenly Father, help Manuel to trust in You with all his heart and not lean on his own understanding.*
- *May Manuel not be wise in his own eyes but fear You and turn away from evil.*
- *Keep these little children from the evil one.*
- *Bring even more kids to hear about the Lord Jesus! Amen.*

Arumbaro

In the last update on Arumbaro I mentioned how the Catholics had purposely set up a catechism class at the same time we start our meeting to keep the kids from going with us. Now they have gone one step further.

The building where we did the classes for the kids was loaned to us by a lady in the Village. It belongs to the government but she is in charge of it and was glad to let us use it. The Catholics went to this lady asking her to let them use the building for different meetings they supposedly wanted to do but she told them the building was not intended for that. So they started complaining that she had let us use the building so they should be able to use it too! In the end they threatened to report her to the government if she continued letting us use the building. We can easily do the kids class somewhere else but it's amazing to see the clear opposition of the enemy.

In spite of this we had a really encouraging time with the believers yesterday and I feel encouraged about what the Lord is doing in Arumbaro! Most of the adults who come are very consistent and show clear signs of true faith in Christ. And even though we don't have nearly as many kids as before, there are still enough children to keep us busy!



Lisa with Annie



Young girls with Katie



Adult's meeting place

- O Lord, strengthen Your people in Arumbaro.
- Fill us with love for those who are opposing us.
- May they let the little children come to You!
- And help us to show them how beautiful Jesus is! Amen.

Hospital Ministry

Last Friday we visited one of the government hospitals in Morelia to hand out tracts and talk to the people. Most of those who come to this hospital have traveled from a long ways away and are quite poor. We have found that most of them are very open to talk and willing to receive a tract.

Do you remember Gabriel? He was still going to church and reading his Bible the last time I talked to him about a month ago! Though we loose contact with most of these people, we know that the Lord doesn't and He continues working in their lives!



By Annie:

"This man and his daughter (pictured above) live close to a dormant volcano in Michoacán called Parícutin. He's worked as a tour-guide since the age of 8, taking tourists from all over the world up the volcano. In his village, they speak a dialect called Purépecha, but he has very good Spanish, so we were able to clearly share the Gospel with him. He gave us his phone number and even invited us to go to his village and tell all his people about the Lord! The man's name is Juan, and his daughter is Maria."

- *Dear Lord, use the conversations we had to draw these people to Yourself.*
- *May Juan and Maria receive the love of the truth!*
- *Cause these people to read the tracts they received.*
- *Continue giving us boldness to speak the truth in love. In Jesus name, amen.*

Accountability Ministry

I can't tell you how excited I feel about the great group of guys that I am working with in this ministry! Though we're far from perfect, there is a positive feel of unity and transparency between us. I feel like God is going to use these guys in amazing ways!



- *Heavenly Father, continue working in these young men—until they are fully surrendered to You.*
- *Protect them from Satan's lies.*
- *May they abide in You and Your words abide in them. Amen.*

What's Next?

We are already very busy planning and preparing for the coming three weeks of youth camps. They start the 15th of July and end the 2nd of August.

Lord willing most of the weekly ministries and Bible studies will continue.

- *Gracious Savior, help us plan and prepare according to Your will.*
- *Speak through those who teach at these camps—convicting, leading and encouraging the campers.*
- *Bring all the people You would have come and keep away those who shouldn't come.*
- *Give special grace to those serving in the kitchen and in cleaning during the camps.*
- *And in our every word, thought and action may it be Christ, only Christ! In His wonderful name, amen!*

Thank you for sacrificing your time to read this update and pray for us! I'm so grateful!

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Your brother in CHRIST!

- *Our Lord, COME!*