

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



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HELP US TO LOOK TO YOU

Sometimes our problems are so great,
Our burdens not a few,
When our spirit is cast down
Help us to look to You.

When everything seems dark and dim,
The skies no longer blue,
When everything seems beyond hope
Help us to look to You.

When even friends don't understand,
Our hopes are shattered too,
We see no light on the path ahead,
Help us to look to You.

When we see how great You are,
How loving, wise and true,
Our burdens lift, our hearts can sing
When we look up to You.

Clara Jarvis

Drug Rehab Center

As we've continued going to the rehab center I feel like the people there have only become more and more interested! We made little business cards with our phone numbers and an address where they can get ahold of us after their time is up.



Also, a few weeks ago Jorge offered to start coming on different days of the week to do an individual Bible study with anyone who was interested—almost everyone in the rehab center raised their hand! Now we're trying to work out the logistics of getting all those covered who want to study the Bible.

- ▶ *Dear Lord, continue giving these people a love for the Truth.*
- ▶ *As they seek You through Your Word, expose the enemy's many lies that they have heard.*
- ▶ *May we have a faithful testimony in word and deed that points to Christ.*
- ▶ *Give us the resources, the time and the strength to continue this work! In Jesus' name, amen.*

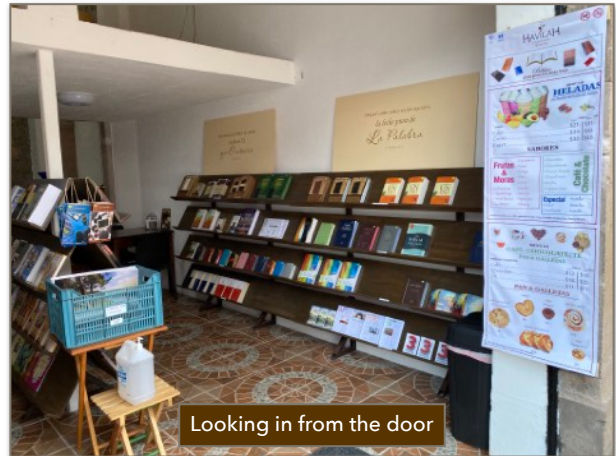
Havilah

Havilah is the new business that we have opened in the beautiful, historic downtown area of Morelia on June 1st. The first week I was extremely surprised at how many books and Bibles sold! Having helped the Roa family in the past, we had kind of concluded that just not many people were really interested in books and Bibles. Praise the Lord that doesn't seem to be the case here!

In the following weeks we have felt the economic effects of Covid-19, as sales of the milkshakes, coffee and breads have been low—not only for us but for all kinds of businesses in Morelia. Even so, I have continued to have lots of people stop to look at the Bibles and books. However even these sales have decreased after the first week as well. We have a shelf dedicated to free literature and most people end up taking something with them before leaving.



Entrance to Havilah on the right



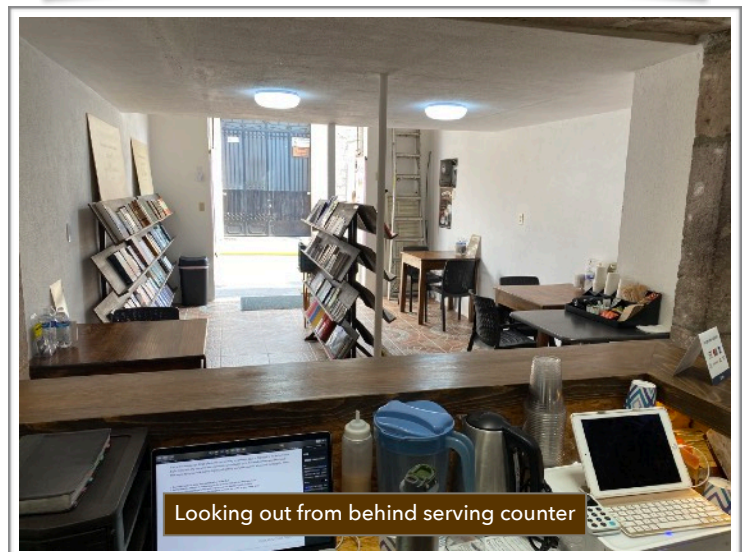
Looking in from the door



Looking in from the door



Serving counter



Looking out from behind serving counter

I've been blown away by all the witnessing opportunities the Lord has given me. I'll just mention two of them here.

Brian showed up one afternoon at about 2 o'clock and ordered a cup of hot chocolate. As I prepared it for him we began to talk. I remembered that he had come once before with some friends and I'd shown them different Bibles and answered some of their questions. As we continued talking, the conversation quickly turned to spiritual things. After a while, I got my Bible out and asked him if I could sit down at the table with him. As I showed him the answers from God's Word to his many questions, he became more and more interested. That day alone we talked for 5 hours! He returned many more times and I gave him a Bible which he promised to read. He's actually from Mexico City but before he returned home I gave him Mark Cahill's book *One Heart Beat Away* and we exchanged phone numbers. I didn't get a photo of Brian. Sorry.

Yesterday, right before I was going to close down for the day, Leonel came in to look at the Bibles and books. After awhile he asked me "Do you know someone I could talk to who could answer some questions about the Bible?". I told him that I taught Bible studies and would be glad to answer any questions he had. I then added "Do you just have some questions or would you like to start a Bible study?". He enthusiastically replied: "I want a Bible study!". Today we did our first Bible study! He told me that he really liked the study and I feel he is quite interested.



Leonel with his new Bible

- *Heavenly Father, continue using Havilah as a light in this dark world.*
- *According to Your will provide for the financial needs of the business.*
- *Provide the right employee who would have a passion for the lost.*
- *Show Brian how beautiful and trustworthy Your Word is as he reads it.*
- *Bring both Brian and Leonel to a clear understanding of the truth and a simple faith in Christ! Amen.*

What's Next?

Right now everyone is as busy as a bee preparing for the annual 3 weeks of youth camps. I'm really excited about the camps and I feel like God is going to do great things! My responsibility is the planning and leadership of the young boys camp, the week of July 13-17th.

I would appreciate your prayers for someone willing to take care of Havilah during the youth camps. Right now I'm working there by myself.

I'm not sure whether we will be able to continue doing our regular weekend ministries during the camps. And I may have to put some of my Bible studies on hold during that time.

- *Good Shepherd, may our plans for the coming days be Your plans for us.*
- *Be the One who speaks through what is spoken at the youth camps.*
- *Bring everyone You desire to be present at each camp.*
- *Keep those who are studying the Bible from losing interest or falling away.*
- *May Christ, only Christ be seen in us as we serve Him! Amen.*

Thank you for your patience and faithfulness. The Lord is answering our prayers!

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Your brother in CHRIST!

- *OUR LORD, COME!*