

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



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The Greatest Test

Help me to walk so close to Thee
That those who know me best can see
I live as godly as I pray
And Christ is real from day to day.

I see some once a day , or year,
To them I blameless might appear;
'Tis easy to be kind and sweet
To people whom we seldom meet;

But in my home are those who see
Too many times the worst of me.
My hymns of praise were best unsung
If He does not control my tongue

When I am vexed and sorely tried
And my impatience cannot hide.
May no one stumble over me
Because Thy love they failed to see;

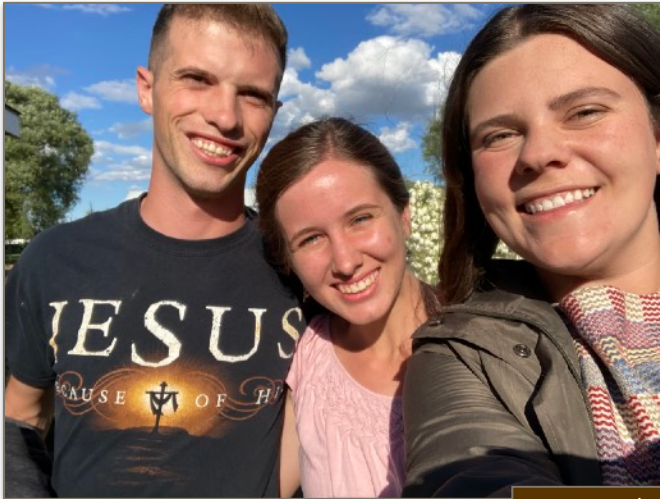
But give me, Lord, a life that sings,
And victory over little things.
Give me Thy calm for every fear,
Thy Peace for every falling tear;

Make mine, O Lord, through calm and strife
A gracious and unselfish life;
Help me with those who know me best,
For Jesus Sake, to stand the test.

Barbara C. Ryberg

Trip to the US

I actually spent most of this month in the US. Two weeks with my grandparents in Washington and one week with some dear friends in Colorado.



Time in Washington & Colorado



I was so refreshed and encouraged—blessed to be able to just slow down for a few weeks and spend time with some of my closest friends and family.

But now, it's back to work! There is a lot to do.

Discontinued Ministries

There are several ministries that have been stopped since last year—due to COVID for the most part. I want to give you a quick report on these ministries, in case you remember them and have been wondering what's going on.



Damian & Flora

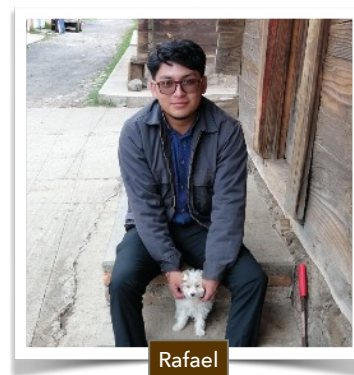
Damian and Flora are an elderly couple who we contacted through the Amor Divino (door to door) ministry. I went through several different Bible studies with them over the course of about 2 years (time just seems to fly!). They are extremely poor and live 1 hour away from the camp, which made it very difficult for them to start coming to Church.

They both seemed very open and told me they are trusting in Christ alone. It was encouraging for me to see their desire for others to hear the Gospel too. Due to their age and the fact that I

had already clearly presented the Gospel to them and their family on countless occasions, I felt like I should put the Bible study on hold during the whole COVID crisis and focus on other responsibilities.

Rafael—a civil engineer student in the local University, asked to receive a Bible study at the State Fair outreach. I studied the Bible with him for over a year but we had to stop the study because when COVID started, school closed down and he went back to his home town. Rafael always displayed a hunger for the Truth and we have continued to keep up through messages and phone calls. I feel quite confident that he has come to faith in Christ!

You won't believe what just happened! The instant I finished writing that last paragraph I got a phone call from none other than Rafael! He called to let me know about a family in his village that just lost a loved one. He wants to give them a Bible and tell them about the Lord! He said that some of his friends had the idea of raising money to help the family during this hard time but he thought what they really needed was to know the Lord!



Rafael

Jafet asked for a Bible study after Alma Roa shared the gospel with him at the Havilah coffee shop/book store. I probably studied the Bible with him for about 6 months before COVID hit. He too is a

University student that came from a smaller town several hours from Morelia. When the University closed down, he went home and we had to put the study on hold.

I kept in touch with him for a time but it doesn't seem like he was ever as open or interested as Rafael.

Señora Luz seems to be doing well! After going through many different studies with her, I felt like she needed to start coming to church. She is very poor and comes to church when she can. One obstacle to her regular church attendance is her "need" to work on Sundays to make ends meet. I've encouraged her to trust the Lord with this but it's been hard for her.

I do believe Luz has come to faith in Christ but she's still very immature in the Lord. One very encouraging fruit in her life is the fact that she faithfully reads her Bible every day!



Señora Luz

- Heavenly Father, may Luz be a doer of Your Word and not only a hearer of it.
- Overwhelm Jafet with the vanity of life under the sun. May he seek for hope and meaning in Your Word.
- May Rafael grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- Cause Damian and Flora to love Jesus Christ supremely. And may they hope in Him alone. Amen!

Havilah

This coffee shop/Christian book store seems to have been growing quite a bit recently. The website is now up and running and we have started selling more materials online. But most of our sales are still in store. Havilah really seems to be supplying a demand in Morelia. We've been amazed at how many people still walk in and say they had never known about us before! Besides this we have an ever increasing number of regular costumers who return time after time.



Looking down from stairs

Though our sales are increasing at Havilah, it is still not a "business". We are always adding new books and Bibles to our inventory which has been one of the greatest ongoing expenses. But the Lord is abundantly providing for everyone and everything!

A few days ago I was at the business registering

an order of Bibles when a mother and daughter walked in. Alma Roa quickly struck up a conversation with them and found out that they were attending a Christian Church. It didn't take long for them to open up to Alma and start sharing some problems they were facing. We were able to suggest some good books to them and Alma even agreed to start a Bible study with the daughter who was just starting college and had lots of doubts and questions! This is typical Alma. She's amazing with people!

- *Dear Lord, continue making Havilah a blessing to the Church and a Light to the lost.*
- *Continue providing the money we need to keep growing and working.*
- *Help us take advantage of every opportunity to point men to Christ.*
- *And put Your hand of protection on us. In Jesus name, amen.*



What's Next?

Lord willing 3 weeks of youth camps will start on July 19th and end on the 6th of August. I'm the director of the boys camp, ages 13 to 17 and I have a lot of work to do in order to be ready for that!

Besides that, we hope to continue going to San Carlos on Sunday afternoons and I've continued doing the Bible Study with Guillermo every week. I also have a ton of things to do at Havilah!

- *O Lord our Strength, fill us with the knowledge of Your will as we plan and prepare for these coming camps.*
- *Bring only those You desire to come .*
- *Speak through those who will teach during these camps.*
- *Give the hearers sensitive hearts—may everyone return home eternally impacted by Your Word.*
- *In all we do and say may it be Christ, only Christ who is exalted and seen! Amen.*

Thank you for reading this update and taking time to pray for us!

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Your brother in CHRIST!

- *MARANATHA!*