

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



June - August 2023

No Scar?

Hast thou no scar?
No hidden scar on foot, or side, or hand?
I hear thee sung as mighty in the land; I hear them hail thy bright, ascendant star.
Hast thou no scar?

Hast thou no wound?
Yet I was wounded by the archers; spent,
Leaned Me against a tree to die; and rent
By ravening beasts that compassed Me, I swooned.
Hast thou no wound?

No wound? No scar?
Yet, as the Master shall the servant be,
And pierced are the feet that follow Me.
But thine are whole; can he have followed far
Who hast no wound or scar?

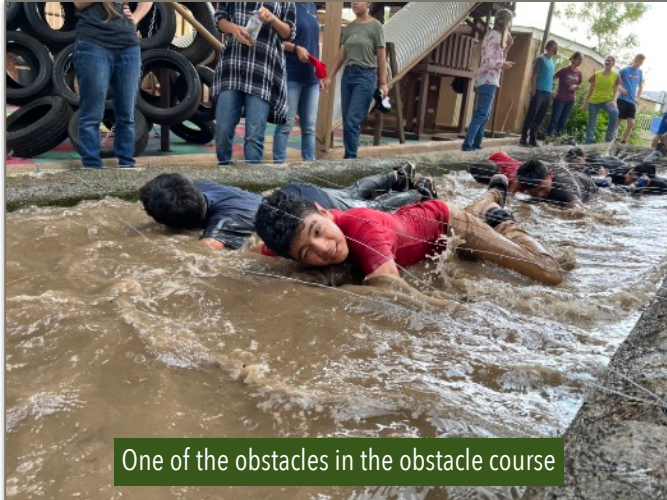
Amy Carmichael

Youth Camps

Our three weeks of youth camps started on July 17th, one camp every week. First was the boys camp.



Boys playing volleyball with a MONSTER ball 4 vs 4



One of the obstacles in the obstacle course



Rifle



Paintball war with sling-shots



Fatalities :)

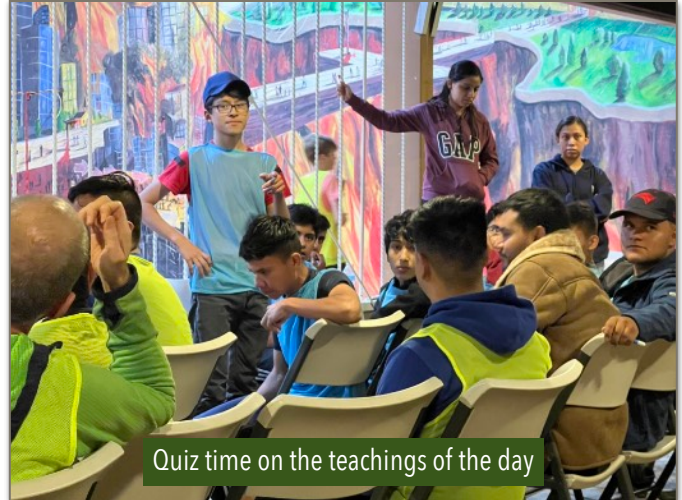


Working on the pine wood derby car craft





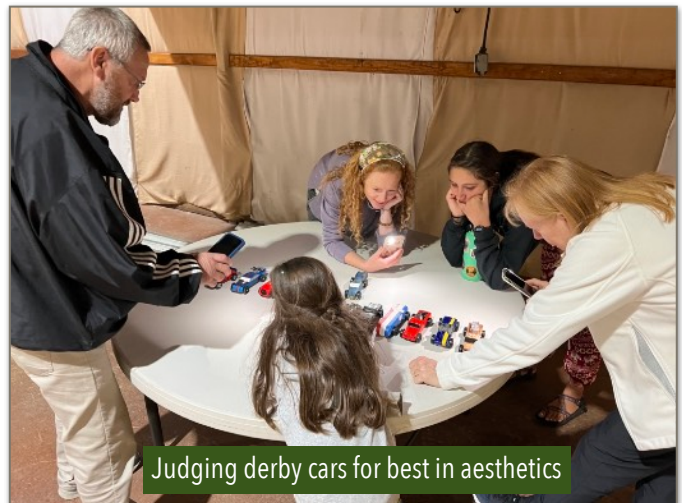
Bible teaching



Quiz time on the teachings of the day



Chess tournament



Judging derby cars for best in aesthetics



The team that won was awarded these t-shirts with verse 2 of Psalm 121 which they memorize this camp:
"My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth."

Boys camp this year was extraordinary! We know of five boys that asked the Lord to save them and many other who had come from broken homes showed great spiritual sensitivity during the week. As one of these boys talked to his team leader, he said in tears: "My dad has destroyed my childhood—but I want to follow the Lord, I want to be a man of God!"

We all felt like many people must have been fervently praying for this camp. Thank you!

Trip to America

Right after the youth camps ended, we left on a long trip to the US. It's been wonderful!



On our way to the border we visited some dear friends in northern Mexico who are trying to reach an indigenous group called the Tarahumaras.



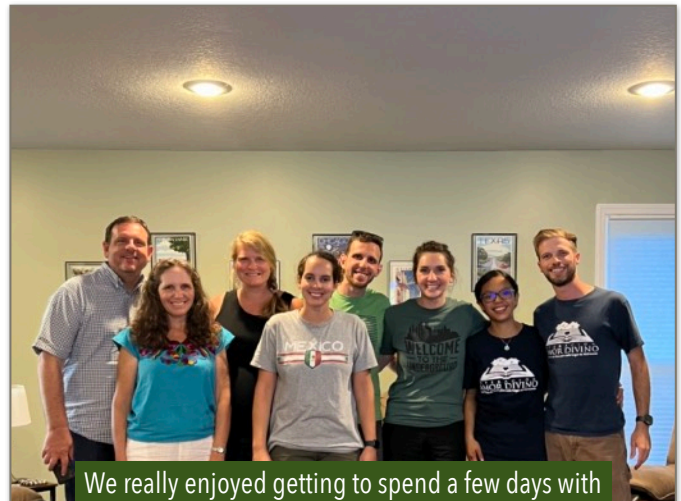
We crossed the border in El Paso and to celebrate our arrival in America we went to chick-fil-A :)



On our way north we camped here—somewhere in the middle of New Mexico



We got to visit some close friends in Colorado Springs!



We really enjoyed getting to spend a few days with my cousin's and uncle and aunt in Kansas City!

After our time in Kansas City, we drove up to Des Moines and attended an evangelism training camp called The Testify Camp. We learned a lot and got to do evangelism in the Iowa State Fair every afternoon for three days. Every day we found hispanic people to talk with and we were able to clearly share the gospel with many of them!

One of my favorite conversations during the week was with a couple from Guadalajara Mexico. When I asked them if they had any spiritual beliefs, the women responded: "Well I'm an agnostic." I was able to tell her about some friends in Mexico who are atheists with whom we had studied the Bible.

This seem to make her feel more comfortable and I proceded to explain how important the Bible was to me—how it had answered life's biggest questions and saved me from taking my own life when I was younger.

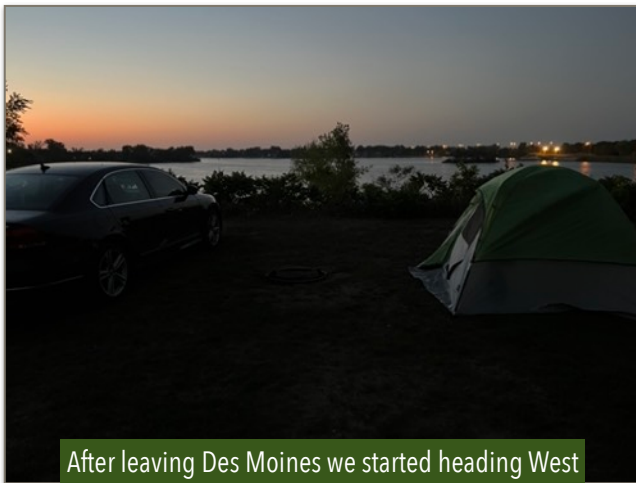
After this I said: "I think I can prove to you in less than 30 seconds that God exists." Both of them were very attentive as I spoke: "Every building has a builder and every painting has a painter and that proves that creation had to have a Creator." As I slowly said this, they seemed very thoughtful.

I encouraged them to read the Bible for themselves and as they were leaving and man said to me: "Thank you for what you are doing. You do it really well." I didn't get there names but I continue to pray for them and trust that a seed was sown in their hearts.

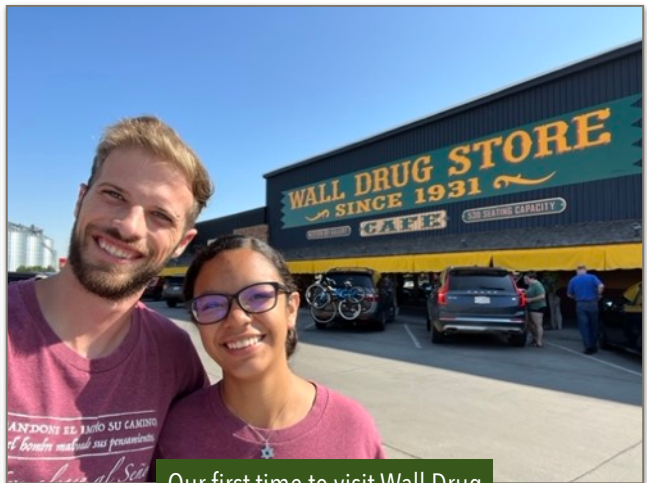
We are so grateful to all the families and different individuals that organize this outreach and the training camp each year!



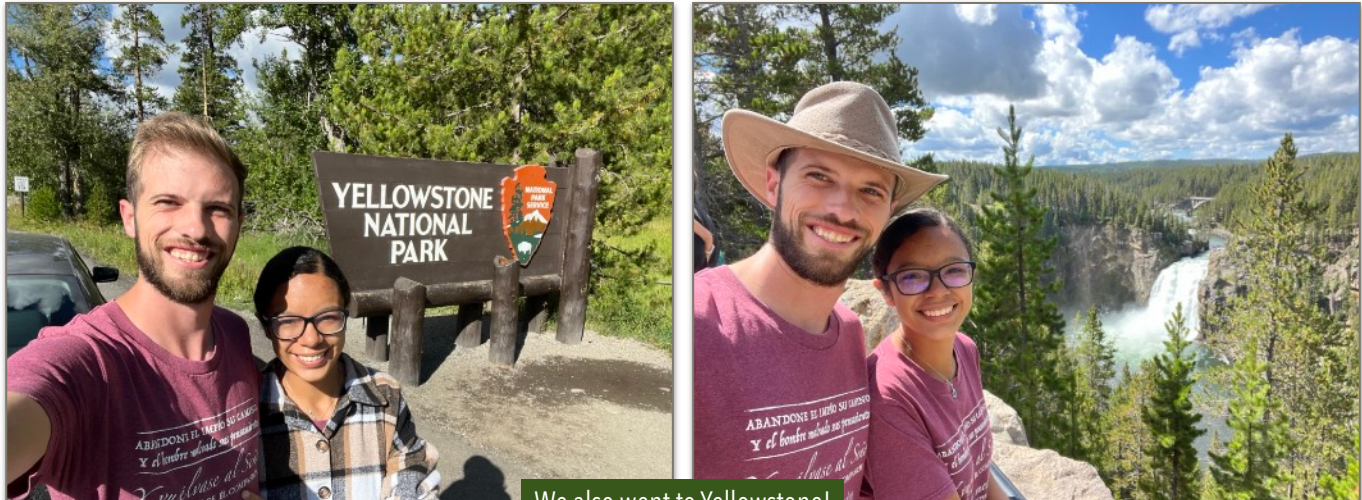
This is the group of people who attended the Testify Camp the weekend we were there.



After leaving Des Moines we started heading West on I-90 and spent the night in South Dakota.



Our first time to visit Wall Drug



We also went to Yellowstone!



And finally we arrived with my grandparents in Moses Lake WA! Keyla had never met them before and getting to see them was one of the main purposes of this trip. We had a great time with them!

We are now on our way back to Mexico but our car started over heating on the way home. We were close to Kimberly Idaho where a dear friend of the family was willing let us stay with her. Not only that, but one of her sons has a nice shop and he was willing to let us use it so we can get our car fixed! Right now we are just waiting for the new parts to arrive and we will be back on the road Lord willing.

On this trip we have covered around 4000 miles and we could have broken down anywhere! We are so grateful to the Lord for his merciful providence and our amazing family in Christ!

What's Next?

We are thrilled to announce that we are expecting our first baby and the due date is January 25th! We are very excited and are trusting the Lord to take care of us and our baby. We are planning to do the birth in Little Rock AR Lord willing.

As soon as we get home from this trip, the Church will be doing our anual Mexican Independence Day outreach—on September 15th.

There's a new group of young people living at the camp now and we plan to help disciple them.

We continue running the Havilah bookstore at the camp.

There's an Amor Divino outreach planned for October as well as a week long bike trip and a wedding!

We have a second wedding planned for November and after that our anual family camp.

December is always very busy with Christmas outreaches and church activities.

Thank you all for praying! The Lord is doing great things!

Nathan & Keyla

Yours in CHRIST!

OUR LORD—COME!