

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



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Our Part In Prayer

Some go to God in prayer
As though they would be heard
By merit of their earnestness,
Or power of their word;
As though God did not want to bless,
Or to their crying heed,
But might be influenced to hear
If they could prove their need.

Some go to God in prayer
With broken, bleeding hearts,
Craving the peace and victory
Which He alone imparts.
They lay their burdens down
On shoulders that are strong,
Then take them back upon their own
And carry them along.

Some humbly talk to God;
Confess their helplessness,
And having laid their burdens down
Trust Him to do the rest.
Such go away in peace,
And with the victor's shout,
To watch with interest, and see
How He will work things out.

Barbara C. Ryberg

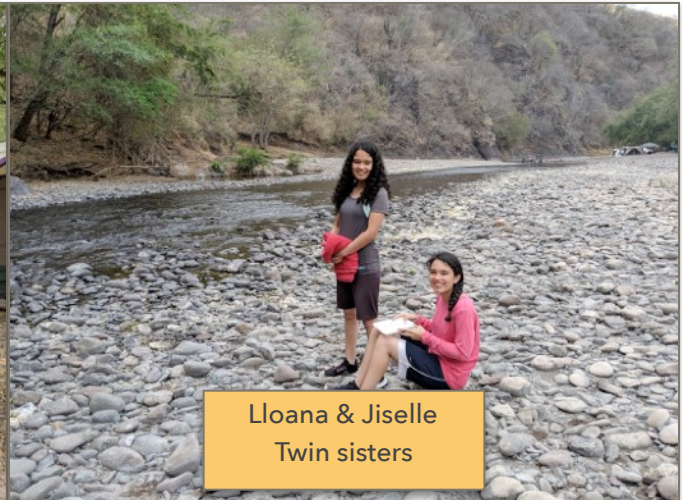
Camping Trip

Thank you all so much for your prayers! Last month I asked you to prayer that my time with the church in Zamora would be a blessing. I can't speak for the believers there, but I was certainly blessed by them.

We had a lot of fun on the camping trip and I do feel like it counted for eternity! It was a great time.



Sitting in the shade!



Lloana & Jiselle
Twin sisters



Riding the "rapids"



Rope swing!



Singing hymns around the camp fire

► Precious Savior, thank you for this wonderful trip! In Jesus name, Amen.

San Carlos

We continue to have a small group of adults and even smaller group of children every Sunday afternoon. I honestly feel discouraged about this ministry right now. Though it's extremely needy, there doesn't seem to be any interest from the people and most of them are openly opposed to the Gospel.

At the same time I'm grateful the Lord has given me this difficult task that forces me to trust Him more. Manuel and Enriqueta seem to be doing well, but we definitely need lots of prayer!



- ▶ Father, strengthen and encourage Manuel and his family.
- ▶ Give us strength and wisdom in this ministry.
- ▶ Expose Satan's lies to those who are deceived.
- ▶ May the little children come, hear and believe in Jesus. Amen.

Accountability Ministry

On the other hand, I feel extremely encouraged about what the Lord is doing here! Below is a photo of most of the young men who meet regularly for accountability and spiritual encouragement.



Isaac, Carlos, me, Edy, Ezekiel, Cano & Carlos

Most of these guys are in college right now and it's so encouraging to see many of them taking a stand for Christ!

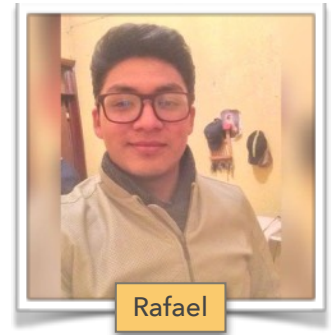
One of the questions is "Have you spent enough time in prayer and in the Word this week?" Cano is a new believer and the only believer in his family (his mother is quite opposed to his faith). When it was his turn to answer he said: "I started the week pretty good but at the end of the week I got so caught up in my homework I started missing on my Bible reading. On Friday I was determined to catch up but when I went to look for my Bible it was gone! I asked my mom if she had put my Bible somewhere and she claimed that she didn't know anything about it. But after I finally found it hidden, I knew she must've put it there!"

- ▶ *Dear Lord, keep these young men in your Way!*
- ▶ *Cause them to walk in the Truth and stand for the Truth.*
- ▶ *Fill them with Life until it overflows to those around them! Amen.*

Rafael

We met Rafael at the state fair last year and I have been studying the Bible with him. He grew up in a Catholic home and his mom would read him the Bible growing up. He is very open but I can tell he is starting to struggle as he sees the problems with the Catholic Church.

The last study was on the idolatry of Israel and at the end he asked me: "Nathan, what do you think about the images in the Catholic Church, are they idols?"! With such a direct question I was at a loss to know how to softly answer! After an awkward pause, I said: "Yes, they are idols." He seemed so shocked by my blunt answer that I immediately added: "But it doesn't really matter what I think, you need to ask God to show you the truth regarding this, and He will."



I'm also trying to help him understand the difference between the Catholic and Protestant Bibles.

- ▶ *O Lord, may Rafael love the truth more than his religion.*
- ▶ *Clarify all the confusion of Satan's lies in his mind.*
- ▶ *Put in my mouth the words he needs to hear. In Jesus name, Amen!*

Amor Divino

Thankfully we have had several opportunities to go door to door in the past month. Also, different people have called in who are truly interested!

One lady from Morelia called who had received a tract at her house a whole year ago! She was calling to let us know that she also wanted a Gospel of John. After leaving it at her home, she called back wanting to meet up with someone. Julian, an elder in one of the assemblies of Morelia met with her and as they talked she told him: "I just don't think that God could ever forgive me for all that I've done."! Lord willing Julian and his wife will be studying the Bible with her!

I often forget how important it is as we continue working in this ministry, to pray for all the 200,000 homes that have already received a tract or Gospel of John. Satan is trying to snatch the seeds that have been sown, and only God can protect those little seeds!



- ▶ *Father, protect your Word from the enemy.*
- ▶ *May it be read and understood.*
- ▶ *Continue to bless this work!*
- ▶ *Raise up more labores for Your harvest! In Jesus name, amen.*

The Well

Finally! And it is literally a miracle. The Lord has provided a well for the camp! We prayed for water that would be clean and good to drink. And, at this point it looks like that is what we have. My dad has written up a detailed report about the whole process. Let us know if you would like to receive it!



Thank you all so much for your generosity and prayers for this well!

► *Heavenly Father, thank you for your gracious provision! Amen.*

What's Next?

The next big thing is the annual Easter camp. Even right now almost everything we are doing in our free time is preparation for this camp.

This has been an extra busy month for us and I've left out many things that I would have liked to share with you. Hopefully in the next month's update I will be able to fill you in!

- *Father, help us to have everything ready for this coming camp.*
- *Speak through those who teach at the camp.*
- *Bless those who serve with strength and love!*
- *And in our thoughts, words and actions may it be Christ, only Christ! Amen.*

I so appreciate every one of you! Thank you for all your support.

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Your brother in CHRIST!

► *MARANATHA!*