

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



November 2018

Thankfulness

If we took gifts from earthly friends – with all the thankless greed
With which we take them from our God, – friendless we'd be indeed.
We take the many blessings – He showers on us each day
As though He owed them to us, – then hurry on our way;

Much as the lepers did of old, – healed by His power divine;
Only one stopped to thank Him; – where were the other nine?
Gone to their friends and families? – Who can their joy deny,
Yet they forgot to thank Him, – even as you and I.

If He should measure gifts to us – by the gratitude we show,
Alas, how few of His children – His riches of grace would know.
Let us be sure to thank Him – for homes, and friends, and food,
For the freedom we have to worship, – for daily strength renewed;

But most of all for the Savior – in infinite mercy given,
And for a place in love prepared, – reserved for us in Heaven.

Barbara C. Ryberg

Arumbaro

Primitivo and Toña have continued coming to the meeting every Saturday! Last week Primitivo wasn't able to come, but he is there more times than not. We feel like Toña has really come to believe, and I think that Primitivo is slowly coming around. It's so hard to know where people are really at.

After the study last time Toña asked me to talk with Primitivo some time to just encourage him. That probably means he is having some doubts and struggles. As one of the only men who comes to the study, he experiences lots of verbal persecution from his Catholic friends and relatives.



My mom, Toña & Primitivo talking over lunch



Olivia serving lunch



Group of kids



My group

As you know, we have never lacked kids in Arumbaro! It is such a special opportunity to work with all of these children, but at times it can be challenging. As I've tried teaching these little sinners the truths in God's Word, the Lord has taught me a lot! In spite of the challenges; I am really encouraged with what is happening in Arumbaro, but we definitely need lots of prayer!

- ▶ *Father, thank you for what you are doing in Arumbaro!*
- ▶ *Help us lead these people to the only Savior.*
- ▶ *Keep us from being a stumbling block for these little ones.*
- ▶ *Protect Primitivo and Toña from Satan's lies.*
- ▶ *May they come to know the greatness of Your love for us! In Jesus name, amen.*

November Camp

As I re-read last months prayer update, I was struck by how clearly and specifically the Lord answered our prayers for this camp. He blessed the month of November! We were well prepared for the camp. The Lord spoke powerfully at the camp! So many people have told me how much they were impacted by the teachings! Praise the Lord! For He is good! His lovingkindness is everlasting!



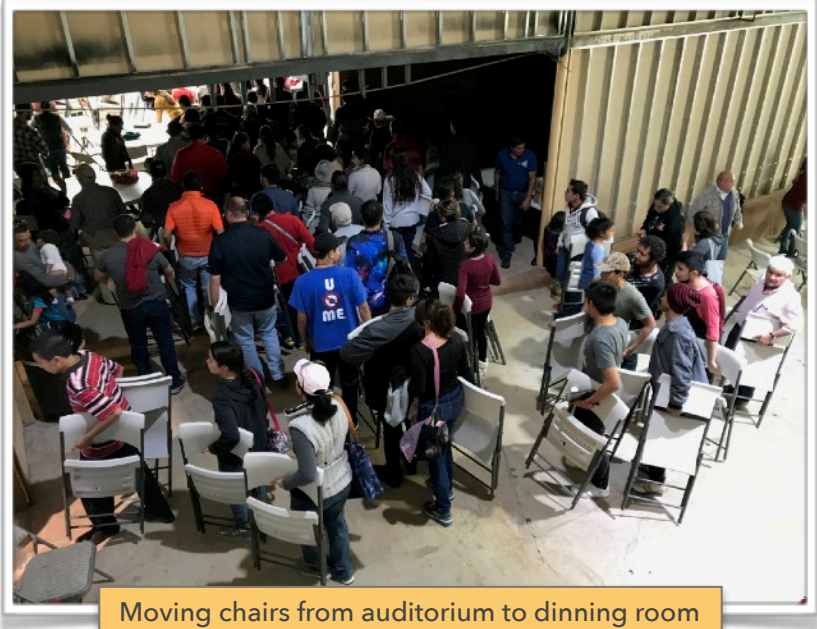
Kitchen crew hard at work on breakfast



Teaching in auditorium



- *Wonderful Savior, thank you for answering our prayers for this camp!*
- *May all these people now apply what you have taught them.*
- *Make them salt and light in this tasteless and dark world.*
- *Keep them in Your Word. Amen*



San Carlos

Manuel continues to have his struggles but I think he is doing well. The kids are still very inconsistent about coming, but recently I've started giving them a copy of one or two verses. Then I promise a prize to anyone who can memorize it by the next week. It seems to be working pretty good and there's nothing more powerful than God's Word!



Group of kids last Sunday in San Carlos

Thankfully, Ana and my sister Annie continue to have a good group of kids every week at the home they have been visiting.

- *Dear Lord, please protect the SEED that has been sown in these hearts.*
- *Let it fall on good soil.*
- *Bless Manuel and his family.*
- *Let them live in way worthy of the calling with which they have been called.*
- *And, please continue to protect us every week as we travel. In Jesus name, amen.*

Missionary Thanksgiving!

After the family camp we started our Thanksgiving celebration! It was a wonderful time with lots of good food to enjoy with many of our best friends! Above all, it was a time to thank our God for all that he has done, is doing and will do!



Homemade pasta!





- *Father, thank you for this time of fun and fellowship!*
- *Make us more conscious of all your blessings.*
- *And help us to make You the center of all our celebrations! Amen.*

What's Next?

December is going to be a busy, yet very exciting time for us, Lord willing! The evangelistic outreach we will be doing this month is our annual Christmas presentation. We plan to do 4 presentations, on Dec. 8 and 9, and 15 and 16.

Most of the normal ministries will continue every week and the weekend before Christmas day, as is tradition, the whole Church will go caroling in the two small towns nearest to the camp. The last week of December is usually a very peaceful time, to just think about the past year and make plans for the new one!

- *Dear Lord, use these Christmas plays to proclaim the Gospel and glorify Your name!*
- *Open the door for many lost souls to come and hear.*
- *Help us to trust in Your strength and not our own.*
- *Bless us in our work, in our celebrations, in our rest and in our planning this coming month.*
- *And may it be Christ, only Christ who is seen, heard and exalted! Amen!*

I'm looking forward to seeing how the Lord answers our prayers in this coming month.

Thank you so much!

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Your brother in CHRIST!

- *OUR LORD – COME! Amen!*