

Christ, Only Christ!

Report of the use of talents entrusted to HIS servant, nathan.



*I walked on billows with Jesus And knew no fear of the sea;
Though waves of temptation surrounded, His grace was sufficient for me.
The spray touched my lips and my garments 'Twould never have caused me harm,
But the way seemed so rough and endless My peace gave way to alarm.
When I should have counted my blessings, I counted my burdens each day;
And my eyes grew weary with weeping, My heart too discouraged to pray.
Almost I had sunk 'neath the waters, When I turned my eyes above
And saw that my Savior was smiling; His eyes were tender with love.
Then I knew He had not forsaken; "Save me, Lord Jesus!" I cried.
How quickly His arms were around me; I walked again at His side!
Though the waves are still all around me, The sea is still at my feet,
I walk hand in hand with my Savior And rejoice in His fellowship sweet.*

Barbara C. Ryberg

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Wedding & Funeral

After getting back from our trip to the States, we immediately had our hands full helping in preparations for Luisa's wedding. Luisa is the daughter of Nestor, our graphics design artist who also heads up the ministry in San Carlos. Their family has been a huge blessing for us in many ways!

The day right before the wedding, we received the news that Don Ruben had gone to be with the Lord. In the August update I asked you to be praying that God's grace would be showered on him and that he would not lose heart, but trust in the Lord. Now I can see how the Lord led me to ask you to pray for him just as he faced the trials and difficulties of the last two months of his life on earth! Praise the Lord he is now in a better place!



In Mexico it's not very common to do a funeral service like we do in the States. Usually the night after the person dies they will do a Wake in which friends and family of the deceased will stay up with the body all night. The next day, they have the burial. Thankfully we, along with many believers from our church, were able to attend the Wake, sing hymns and give testimony of eternal life in Christ. Because of the wedding, only my dad went to Don Ruben's burial the following day. Praise the Lord the gospel was clearly shared to many of Don Ruben's unsaved friends and family!

So it happened that we had a wedding and a funeral on the same day! The wedding turned out very nice. Carlos and Luisa are going to be working as missionaries to the Taraumara indigenous people in northern Mexico. Their language is not well known and there is a lot of need for missionary work among them. I'm so excited to see what the Lord is going to do through them!



Carlos & Luisa



- *Please pray for the salvation of Don Ruben's unsaved family.*
- *Pray for Carlos and Luisa as they work among the Taraumara people.*

Parents in Action

The weekend after the wedding, we had a Parents in Action camp. In preparation for the camp the families read the biography of George Müller. It was encouraging to see how the Lord used it to motivate the families to trust in Him and to live lives of prayer.



Kevla & my dad

Making Supper



Katie, Lupita & Zaira



Regis, Annie, Kevla & Edy

Cream Cheese Rolls



Performance Time



Playing dodgeball



Making Breakfast



Breakfast!

- *Please pray that these parents would raise up their children in the way they should go.*
- *Pray that God's will would be done in these families.*

Arumbaro

We feel very encouraged about the ministry in Arumbaro. It seems like some of the women have really understood the gospel message! Every week we continue to have lots of kids come and I feel like we are slowly seeing progress there too.



Don Poly has been very sick with diabetes and is now living in Morelia with family. Since we returned I haven't had the opportunity to go and visit him. I'm not sure where he is really at spiritually.

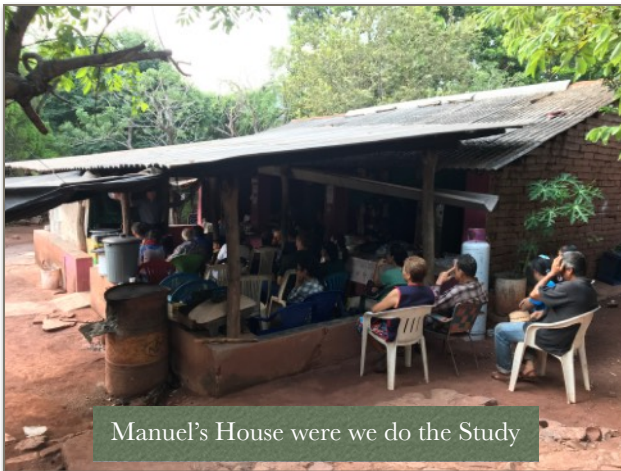
- *Please pray that the Gospel would go forth with power in Arumbaro.*
- *Pray that God would use Don Poly's sickness to bring him to Christ!*

...and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel...

Ephesians 6:19

San Carlos

We face different challenges in San Carlos than in Arumbaro. It is quite a different culture in San Carlos. People there are even poorer than the people of Arumbaro, unless they're involved in some illicit activity. Though they are friendly, they're not open to the Gospel. Unfortunately the only kind of "Christianity" they've ever seen is a variety which presents a mixture of false teaching, low moral standards and greed. It breaks my heart to know that this is what they think Christianity is!



Manuel's House were we do the Study



Lupita Brandon & Toño



Henriqueta and my Mom



Knowing this can help you understand why they are reluctant to let their kids come. Even so, we continue to have a small, inconsistent group of kids who come. A couple weeks ago we made some ice-cream for everyone who comes to the Bible study and had a good sized group show up.

- *Please pray that the Lord would open the door wider in San Carlos.*
- *Pray that more children would come to the class.*
- *Pray that the Lord would strengthen Manuel and his family.*

Berea Music Ministry

I've started work on the new Christmas album! I'm working on it in my spare time and so far we've recorded two of the songs. We're hoping to have it ready for this Christmas season.



- *Please pray that we would be able to finish the new album on time.*
- *Pray that it would be used to help people focus on Jesus during Christmas.*

Damian & Flora

Quite some time ago I asked you to pray that the Lord would use Damian and Flora to reach others with the Gospel. Last week when I went to the Bible study I told Damian that I would like to open up that study so that children and any other adult that was interested could come. He said he would spread the word to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that live there near him.

I didn't think much of it at the time, but yesterday when Katie, Regis and I went to the study, three of his daughters and about four of his grandchildren or great-grandchildren were gathered around eagerly waiting for the Bible study! Praise the Lord, they seemed very interested. Needless to say, this came as a great encouragement!

It's amazing to see the Lord answering our prayers!

- *Please pray that the Lord would continue to use Damian and Flora to reach others with the Gospel.*
- *Pray that these people would continue to come to the study.*
- *Pray that the evil one would be kept away from them.*
- *Pray that they would have a hunger for the truth.*

What's Next?

Coming up really soon is our November family camp. We're going to be having some great speakers come, and with your faithful prayers I'm excited about what the Lord is going to do in this camp. We anticipate about 500 people coming.

After the Camp we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with many dear brothers and sisters in Christ! This is one of my favorite celebrations of the year, and we always have a great time of fellowship together!

- *Please pray that the Lord would work in the hearts of those who come to the camp.*
- *Pray that the Holy Spirit would be the one who speaks in the camp.*
- *Pray that the believers would be refreshed and encouraged.*

Looking forward to seeing what the Lord will do!

Thank you for praying!

nathan,

Your brother in JESUS.

Maranatha!