

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



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One Thing I Know

I do not know why Christ should care,
Why He should leave His home so fair,
Take on Himself such poverty,
To make me rich, eternally.

I do not know why He should take
A cross on Calvary for my sake,
Nor why for me a crown of thorn
Upon His blessed head was worn.

I'll never, never comprehend
That love that makes Him call me friend,
That hides my past beneath the sea
And makes by grace a saint of me!

'Tis all in Christ, all that I need,
No other righteousness I plead.
One thing I know: Christ touched my soul,
No other touch could make me whole.

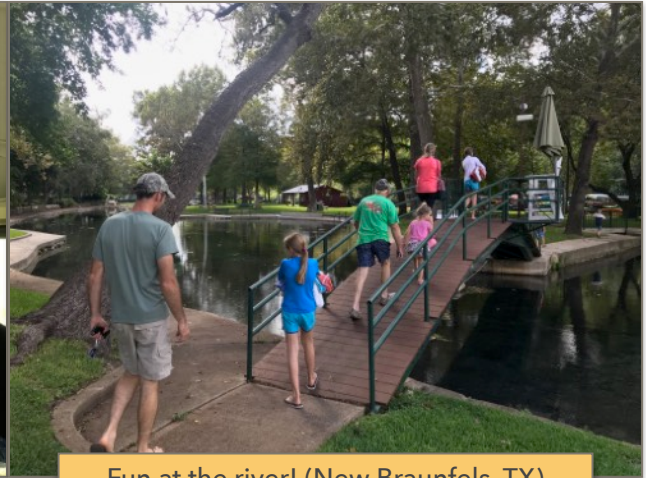
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Trip to the States

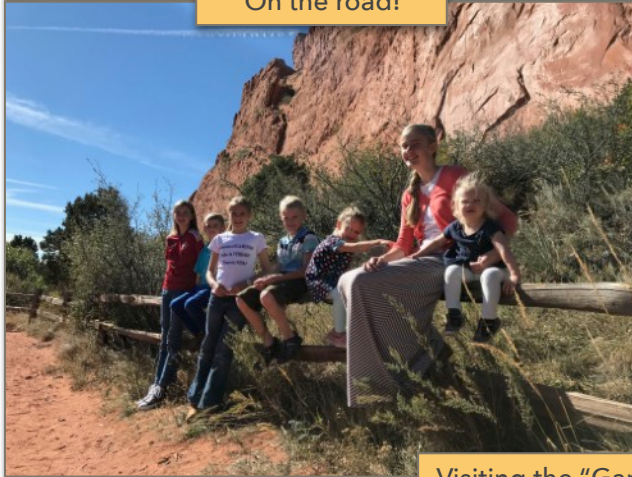
My 12-day trip to Colorado with the Tuohy family to attend the wedding of my dear childhood friend, Josiah Norris, was very refreshing and encouraging! Josiah and Alyssa's wedding was probably one of the nicest weddings I have ever attended. Spending time with the Tuohy's was wonderful! I'm so grateful to the Lord for this time to just relax.



On the road!



Fun at the river! (New Braunfels, TX)



Visiting the "Garden of the gods"



Bride & Groom



The "Mexicans" at the wedding!

The Hospital Ministry

The Lord seems to really be blessing this ministry. It is delightful to give a hungry person a piece of bread and a cup of coffee but we try to make sure that we never miss an opportunity to tell them about Jesus who is the living water and the bread of life! After each visit we will usually end the evening by eating supper together. It's always such an encouraging time!



- *Father, thank you for what you are doing through this ministry!*
- *Keep the enemy from stealing the seed that has been sown.*
- *Give us boldness to speak to the lost and dying!*
- *Fill us with Your love for mankind.*
- *And, keep us from the snare of the devil. In Jesus name, amen.*

La Purisima

Thankfully we have been able to continue doing the study with Damian & Flora. They are always there for the study and we usually have a small group of children. We've been going through the study, Building on Firm Foundations and are getting close to the end. I think they would come to church if they could. The problem is the distance. I feel like Damian may have come to believe. My sister Katie and good friend Regis are working with the kids; but I wish there was way to have more children from the town come to the study.



Regis and Katie working with the kids



Damian & Flora

Eric, their grandson is currently working in the States on a four-week work visa. His mom told me that he is still encouraged and interested, but I haven't seen him since I gave him the Bible.

- ›O Lord, Continue to work in Eric's heart so that he would come to Christ.
- ›May a Christian in Iowa where he is working reach out to him with the love of Christ.
- ›May all these people receive a love for the truth so that they can be saved!
- ›Please open a door to start working with more children here.
- ›And, let it be your Spirit who speaks through us. Amen.

Doña Luz

It is always a joy to give the Bible study to Doña Luz! She has had a very hard life but is always so grateful to us every week for going and teaching her. My mom is my faithful companion every week!



My mom and Luz at her house

Luz has come to church a couple times and seems to want to come. The thing that keeps her from coming every Sunday is a son of hers who is in prison. Sunday is one of the only visitation days of the week. I feel like she is really close to understanding and we have been encouraging her to start coming to church.

- ▶ *Dear Lord, thank you for what you have done and are doing in Luz's life!*
- ▶ *May the Gospel be clearly set before her.*
- ▶ *May she have a love for the truth.*
- ▶ *Father, open the door for Luz to start faithfully coming to church. In Jesus name, amen.*

Rafael

Just as a reminder, Rafael is the civil engineer student that we met at the state fair in May. He seems as open and interested as ever! I can tell that he is very attached to the Catholic church but I feel like his love for God's Word is even stronger.

Yesterday we started studying the life of Joseph and at one point I told him about the verse that says God causes all things to work together for good for those who love him. At the end, he said: "I can't stop thinking about that verse; it really impacted me." It's so encouraging to see how thoughtful he is about everything.



- *Father, I ask you to protect Rafael from Satan's lies.*
- *May he have a love for the truth.*
- *Through Your word show him the lies that he has believed.*
- *Give me wisdom to know how to answer his questions. Amen.*

Accountability Ministry

This is actually something I've been doing for about two years now. I feel like it is probably the most important ministry that the Lord has entrusted to me.

This is a discipleship ministry and my goal is to work with young men from about 12 years old and up. It is really very simple. Everyone who wants to be accountable in the different areas that young men struggle in, will meet up once a week and answer a list of specific questions about their struggles in the past week. After doing the accountability list we decide what things we need to change the next week in order to be victorious. We also study a book together and end with a time of prayer.

Right now I'm working with 7 young men and I'm hoping to start working with more.

- *O Lord, you know what Satan is doing to the young men in our churches. We need you to raise up a generation of young men who will not bow the knee to evil!*
- *Make them stand strong as they learn to look to Jesus.*
- *May they believe the truth!*
- *May they overcome the giants that want to destroy them!*
- *Glorify your Name through these young men. Amen!*

Berea Music Ministries

I've started work on a new album of hymns! I would really like to have it done before the year is over. But, there is a lot of work to do! Still not sure what the album will be called, but I already finished the first song!

I'm also really close to starting work on recording audio books in Spanish. I can't wait to start this project!

- ▶ *Father, give me the strength and the time necessary for these projects.*
- ▶ *Bless this work with your direction and control.*
- ▶ *Use it for the edification and encouragement of your people. In Jesus name, amen.*

What's Next?

November has come! I can't believe how fast this year has gone by! From the 17th to the 19th we will have a huge family camp, Lord willing. After the camp ends, we are planning our GREAT Thanks-Giving celebration! And of course all the normal Bible studies and Ministries continue every week.

- ▶ *Lord, bless this coming month!*
- ▶ *Lead in the preparation and planning of the camp.*
- ▶ *Speak powerfully through those who teach at the camp!*
- ▶ *And may it be Christ, only Christ in everything; the focus and the end! Amen!*

It is a lot of work to write an update every month, but I highly value your prayers!

God is doing great things!

Nathan,

Your brother in CHRIST!

- ▶ *OUR LORD, COME! Amen!*