

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



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SHOW ME THE WAY FROM YOUR WORD

Blessed God, I humbly adore you as the great Father of lights,
And the Giver of every good and every perfect gift (James 1:17).

I seek every blessing from you, and especially those which may lead me to yourself,
And prepare me for the eternal enjoyment of you.

I adore you as the God who searches the hearts and tries
The reins of the children of men (Jeremiah 17:10)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts.
See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting (Psalm 139:23-24).

May I be renewed in the spirit of my mind (Ephesians 4:24).

You give me a new heart, and place a new spirit within me (Ezekiel 34:26).

Make me a partaker of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4),
And as he who has called me is holy, may I be holy in all I say (1 Peter 1:15).

May the same mind be in me which was also in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5),
And may I walk even as he walked (1 John 2:6).

Deliver me from being carnally-minded, which is death;
and make me spiritually-minded, since that is life and peace (Romans 8:6).

And may I, while I pass through this world, walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7)
And be strong in faith, giving glory to God (Romans 4:20).

May your grace teach me to deny ungodliness and worldly
lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly (Titus 2:11-12).

Work in my heart the kind of godliness which is profitable for all things (1 Timothy 4:8).
Teach me by the influence of your blessed Spirit,
To love you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30).

May I yield myself to you, as alive from the dead (Romans 6:13)
And present my body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight,
Which is my most reasonable service (Romans 12:1)! Amen.

- Philip Doddridge

Amor Divino

The Amor Divino outreach turned out even better than we had hoped. Moreleon, the city in which we did the outreach was very open. I would even say that of all the cities in which we've done Amor Divino this one has felt the most receptive.



Kitchen crew working on lunch



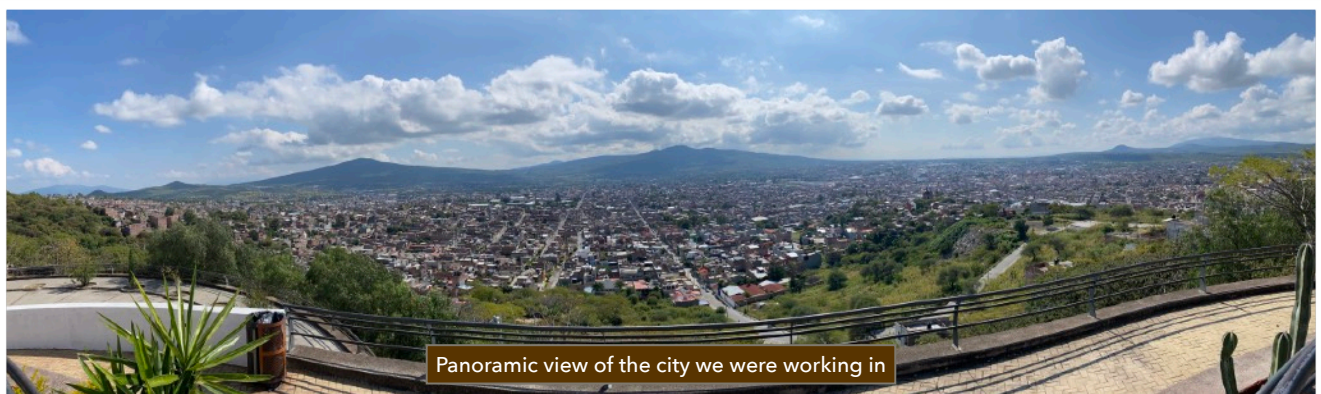
Group leaders looking at the map



Prayer time in the hotel conference room



One of our evening out reaches in a local neighborhood



Panoramic view of the city we were working in

Over 150 believers from all over Mexico came to help carry-out this project! We didn't quite finish the entire city but we did knock out a good portion of it. Over 9,000 gospels of John were received and close to 30,000 gospel tracts were either handed out or left at people's homes. Now that's exciting!

By the end of the week over 80 contacts had been made and there are currently 13 Bible studies being taught once every week. We are so thrilled about what the God is doing in this city! He clearly opened a door for His word in Moroleon! Thank you for praying.

- *Heavenly Father, protect Your Word in all these homes.*
- *Give those who are now studying a deep love for the Truth.*
- *Strengthen those who are doing the follow-up work. In Jesus name, amen.*

Bike Trip

The bike trip turned out really well but the weather was a little unusual. The day we left a hurricane was hitting the very coast we were headed for. As you would imagine it was raining when we left and didn't stop all morning.



The first part of Day One is mostly down-hill and we were all soaked to the bone and freezing! Very unusual for a trip that is renowned for its hot weather. Fortunately though, it did warm up in the afternoon and we all got to feeling a lot better.



Waiting for lunch!



Eating lunch!



Delicious popsicles at Huetamo



All the rain made for some pretty muddy rivers!
It doesn't get any better than this!



Crossing the river Balsas

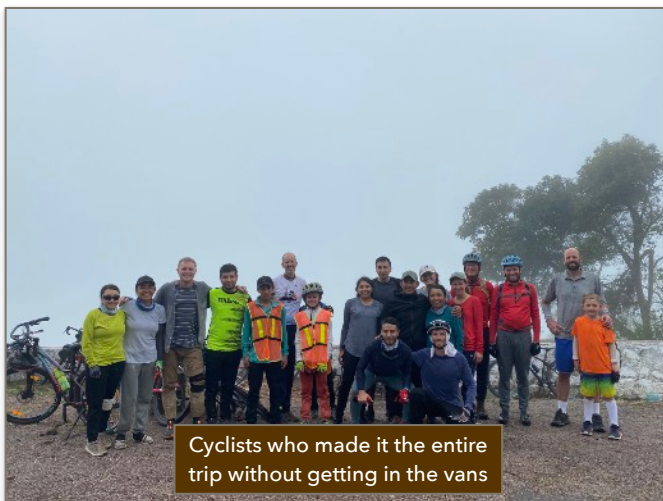


Everyone washing their clothes? Yeah, I did it too!

Pretty much every other day was nice and cloudy in the mornings and only got hot in the afternoons which was really nice. The one exception was the last day when it started raining on the final long down-hill section. So, on both the first and last days we all got soaked! But everyone had a great time.



My favorite river on the trip



Cyclists who made it the entire trip without getting in the vans



Coconuts at the beach!



All the shrimp you can eat!

All we can do is thank the Lord for this wonderful week and His kind protection along the entire way!

Guillermo

In the May update I introduced you to Guillermo. He lives in Morelia and I've continued studying the Bible with him on Sunday morning before church. He has continued to faithfully come to church.

As I looked back at the May update to remember what I had already told you about Guillermo I was struck by how specifically the Lord has answered our prayers for him!

Here they are:

▸ *Dear Lord, protect Guillermo from the discouragement of the enemy.*

I remember how he told me after one of the Bible studies that he really needed to hear what I had just taught him because he was feeling discouraged.

▸ *Help him to see the Lord Jesus as He is and rest in Him.*

I'm not positive, but I think he may have come to faith in Christ since then.



Guillermo

▸ *Use him to proclaim Your name to others.*

And, would you believe that Guillermo actually took a week of vacation time off of his work to go with us to Moroleon and knock on doors! He has also been sharing the gospel with his parents and brought them to the Independence Day outreach. On another occasion he brought his parents and his brother to church on Sunday.

It's a good reminder for me that God answers prayer! And it's proof that you are praying. Thank you!

▸ *Dear Lord, may Guillermo grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.*

▸ *Continue protecting him from the discouragement of the enemy.*

▸ *And continue using him to proclaim Your name to others. Amen!*

What's Next?

As usual, we are planning to do the annual family camp November 13th to the 15th. Normally around 400 people come to this camp.

We're also looking forward to the great Thanksgiving celebration with all our fellow missionaries and the team at the camp.

The normal weekend ministries and Bible studies will continue to the degree it's possible. And I need to make sure I stay on top of things a Havilah.

- *Wonderful Savior, help us to get everything prepared for the November camp.*
- *Bless the fellowship and the teachings in this camp.*
- *May our lives and our work bring men closer to Christ, only Christ! Amen.*

Thank you so much for your support, time, interest and prayers!

Nathan,

Your brother in CHRIST!

- **MARANATHA!**