

Christ, only Christ!

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



“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.”

Jesus

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Thank you!

In the first place, I want to thank you all so much for your interest, prayers, and the gracious support you have sent me in the past months! I'm so very grateful to you. Thank you!

Also I want to apologize for my lack of communication with you. I have never done this before; I'm just getting used to it. But in the future, Lord willing, I will stay in touch with you and keep you informed of how I am using the talents the Lord has entrusted me with. I am probably like the servant the Lord entrusted with only one talent, (each according to his ability) but I'm not going to hide it until He returns, and by His grace I desire to present Him with at least two.

Bible Study



I met Don Damian and his wife Doña Flora (pictured above) while working in the Amor Divino project that my brother Caleb, and his wife Alma are heading up.

We were in a small town called La Purisima about an hour's drive from where we live. After knocking on the wooden gate, calling out "buenos días" (good morning) they answered back "buenos días; pasale" (good morning, come in!)

So I walked right in, and told them why I was there. "I'm part of a project called Amor Divino, and we are giving a free gospel of John to every house in the state of Michoacán! I can give it to you in book form or on a CD to listen too, which would you like?" The old man, Damian, answered me: "Oh, we don't know how to read, and we don't have anything to listen to the CD on."

They did seem to be very poor and I wasn't surprised to hear this. But in the past when people had told me this, I would at least try to share the the gospel message with them verbally. So I replied: "Well would you let me share with you the message of the Bible?" He invited me to sit down and replied: "Yes, go right ahead."

I then told them: "From the very beginning of the Bible, God gave man commands that he was to keep and obey, but man always disobeyed Him. The Bible says that disobeying God is called sin, and it also tells us that the wages of sin is death. Not only physical death, but eternal death in hell. And because God is just, He has to punish sin."

As I spoke these words, I was surprised to see the old man go from looking intently at me, to looking down at the floor in conviction. So I continued: "But there is good news! God isn't only just, He is a loving God! He loved the world so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us. He took our place, and now all you have to do to be saved from the wages of your sin, is believe in Jesus Christ! He is the message of the Bible."

After telling them this I was amazed to see that the old woman was in tears. Don Damian, slowly lifting his head, looked at me and told me: "There are some people that come here and talk to us; they believe in Jehovah, or something like that. But I

never understand anything that they tell me. But everything that you just told me, I understood!” This was very encouraging to hear! And they begged me to come back and keep on teaching them more about the Bible.

Since that day I have been going every week to continue teaching them about our wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus! I have now visited them and taught them for more or less 22 weeks.

Please pray for Don Damian and the Doña Flora.

Ministries in Arrumbaro



We are also working in a small Rancho called Arrumbaro. Here I am working with the children, and Juan Alvarez, one of the leaders in our church, is working with the adults, teaching a Bible study. We go every Sunday afternoon, and are encouraged to see more and more people starting to come to the study.

They start the study, singing with guitar accompaniment. After that, some of the church youth and myself take all the children to another area to work with them. Meanwhile Juan gives the Bible study to the adults. We divide the the children into many small groups (according to their age or schooling level). Each one of us has his own group of kids. But before we divide up into the different groups we will sing some children's songs together. After the singing, we divide up into our different groups and do a Bible lesson. Then we try to work some with them scholastically, as they are in much need of help in that area; some of them are already 12 and still don't now how to read. Our goal is to lead these little ones to Jesus and to teach them to read the Bible for themselves. The total number of kids can vary quite a bit; we have had as few as 10, or as many as 30!

I would appreciate your prayers for these children and for the adults that Juan is working with.

Getting my Visa

This Tuesday I plan to take a trip to the border to get my Mexican visa in order. Because of different factors outside my control, I lost my visa privileges I had from years past. This just means that I will have to go through some different steps to get my visa again; thus the reason for my trip. I will be staying with my Grandmother who lives in Mcallen, Texas, until I am able to work everything out. Hopefully this will not take any more that a couple weeks.

Please pray that I would be able to get my visa quickly, and that I would find favor before the Mexican government.

My Greatest Need

I want to thank you once more for your trust and gracious support! But at the same time I want you to know what my greatest need is. The Lord has promised us that He will take care of all of our physical needs in this life if we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. My greatest need is prayer! I ask you to stop now, and take a moment to pray for these people mentioned above, and pray for me, that I would grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for me regularly.

Your brother in Jesus,
nathan.

Maranatha!