

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



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More Than A Friend

More than a Friend He has been to me
When the way was weary and long;
He has dried the tear of discouragement
And given the victor's song.

More than a Refuge, a Port in storm,
My wonderful Lord has been;
I have fled to His arms when the waves tossed high
And He sheltered me safe within.

More than a Light He has truly proved,
Leading me day by day,
That I might not fall in this darkened world
Or miss His appointed way.

More than a Shepherd, this Savior of mine,
Who laid down His life for His sheep,
Has held me close to His heart of love
So mighty to save and keep.

I have tried the Savior and found Him true;
He never fails His own.
This heart His loving hand has made
Finds all in Him alone.

Barbara C. Ryberg

Independence Day Outreach

With around 400 guests in attendance this year we were thrilled to be able to clearly present the Gospel to them! As I've mentioned before, this is by far the most attended outreach we do every year. It's hard to know how many people have responded to the Lord as a result of outreaches like this one but it's not uncommon years later to hear people mention how the Lord used it to bring them to Christ.



Auditorium during Gospel presentation



Full dining room at the Camp



Keyla and I in traditional Mexican dress



Us with my future In-laws

- *Heavenly Father, cause Your Word to bear fruit in those who came and heard.*
- *Help us to continue reaching out to these people.*
- *May they see how much they need Your Salvation! Amen.*

Parents in Action

The Parents in Action camp went extremely well with over 100 people in attendance. These short camps give parents an opportunity to fellowship with others facing the same challenges and get good counsel and encouragement.

Families are given homework to do from one camp to the next, usually a Bible study and biography. During the camp, there's a short quiz on the biography and Bible study—whoever has the best grades gets first place!



We always try to decorate everything so that it looks like the country the missionary we read about went to. This time we read the biography of Jacob Deshazier. Captured by the Japanese in 1942 he became a believer reading the Bible in a Japanese POW camp. After the war he went back to Japan as a missionary! If you've never read his story before it is definitely a must read.



Families working on fruit craft!

- *Dear Lord, give strength and encouragement to those who need it.*
- *May these families be daily in Your Word.*
- *Help them eliminate all weight and sin. In Jesus name, amen.*

Rafael

I've been able to continue the Bible study with Rafael thankfully! We met him about five years ago at the state fair outreach and after studying for a couple years he returned to his home town during the years of COVID. Since he is now back in the area, he contacted me and asked if we could continue studying.

I feel quite confident that he is saved and I've taken him to the church in Morelia (the closest church to him). I'm now encouraging him to continue going to church on his own. We are currently studying the book of Romans together.

- ▶ *Wonderful Savior, may Rafael grow in Your grace and in the knowledge of You.*
- ▶ *May he determine to start going to church every week.*
- ▶ *Help him to be in Your word every day. Amen!*

New Bible Study

About a year ago I started going to a new place to get my hair cut. The lady there (Alejandra) was very open and I would spend each visit in conversation with her. Things got even more interesting when I found out that both Alejandra and her husband Gabriel hold a collage degree in psychology.

Every time I would go to get a hair cut she would have a ton of questions for me! As I talked with her about spiritual things I found out that she is also an atheist. Even so, I encouraged Alejandra to read the Bible for herself.

She didn't seem very excited when I told her that I was going to give her a Bible. I've never been a big fan a "pretty Bible's" but I decided to give her a nice Bible that was more expensive. I'm glad that I did. When Alejandra saw the Bible she got really excited and said that she loved it! I encouraged her to start reading in...Ecclesiastes.

Well, when I returned after about three weeks she had finished reading the book of Ecclesiastes and told me; "You are a good psychologist! You knew exactly what to have me read so that I would want to read more." I don't know about that but I do know that the Lord lead me in having her read that first. Now both her and her husband are reading the Bible from the beginning!

About two months ago she contacted me and asked if there was anything we could do to help a lady (Juanita) living with them. She was in deep depression and Alejandra said; "I feel like it will help her to believe in something!" I offered to give them a Bible study which she gladly accepted!

I am going through the gospel of mark with them and it's been a very interesting Bible study. I believe this is the first time I've ever given a Bible study to an atheist couple! I don't know how interested Alejandra and Gabriel really are but I know nothing is impossible for God! The lady (Juanita) who we are supposedly doing the study for seems quite open and interested.

- *Heavenly Father, show Gabriel and Alejandra how much they need You.*
- *Bring them and Juanita to the Lord Jesus.*
- *Give me the right words as I teach this study. In Jesus name, amen.*

What's Next?

I'm flying up the Washington State to spend a week with my grandparents the beginning of October.

After I return from that trip we will be doing a bike trip from the camp to the Pacific ocean.

And toward the end of October we are planning another Amor Divino outreach.

- *Dear Lord, bless my travels and time in the States.*
- *Bless the bike trip—may it count for eternity.*
- *Use the Amor Divino outreach to bring more lost souls to the Savior.*
- *Help us to follow and proclaim, Christ, Only Christ! Amen.*

Thank you for taking the time to read this update and to pray for us!

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Your brother in CHRIST!

▸ *OUR LORD, COME!*