

Christ, Only Christ!

Proclaiming HIM Following HIM



September - December 2023

What Makes a Missionary?

He walked with a far-away look in his eyes
And waited for God to open the way
So he could travel across the sea
And win the heathen for Christ some day.

He pictured himself in a darkened land,
Teaching the natives their awful plight,
Doing a wonderful work for God,
Winning the hundreds to life and light.

Multitudes on their way to hell
Journeyed right by his very door,
But he gave no thought to their perishing souls,
They were not the ones he was praying for.

He was far too busy to teach the few
The way of redemption and hope renewed,
And he wondered why God didn't send him forth
To preach to the hungering multitude.

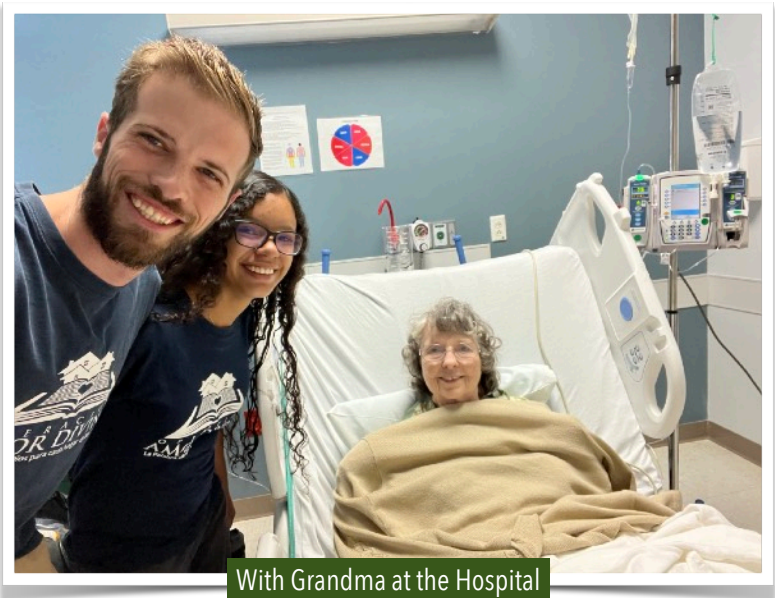
Barbara C. Ryberg

Neat Story...

Our trip to the US mentioned in the last update was reportedly “interrupted” by mechanical issues in Idaho on our way home. At the time we wrote our last update, we were waiting for new parts to come in so we could get our car up and running and get home in time for the Mexican Independence Day outreach.

The delay in our plans put us in to my Grandmothers house roughly a week behind schedule. This was clearly providential as my Grandmother was unexpectedly diagnosed with a hernia which needed to be operated on. We were thrilled to be able to take care of Grandma until one of my aunts arrived to continue caring for her.

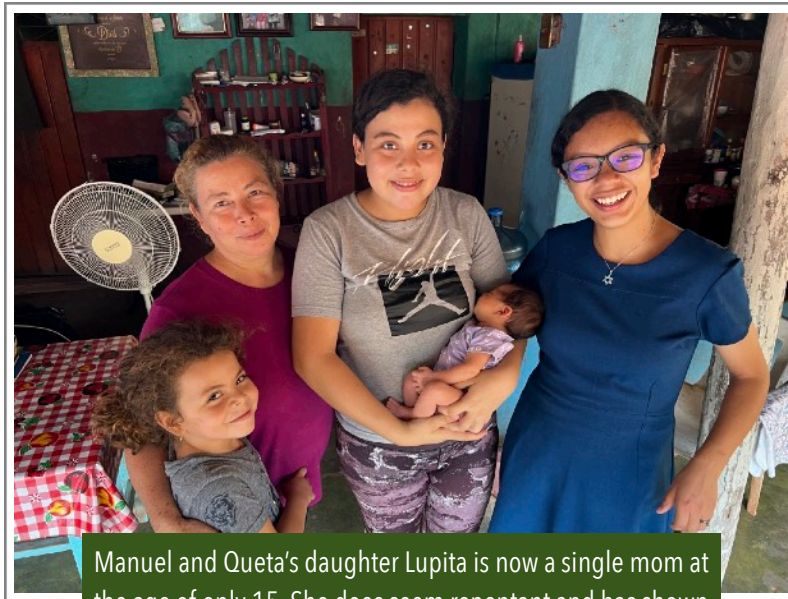
We ended up missing the Mexican Independence Day outreach but we felt confident it was from the Lord!



With Grandma at the Hospital

San Carlos

Keyla and I have stopped going to San Carlos on a regular basis. Unfortunately there hasn't been any response there and we are afraid Manuel and his family haven't been a good testimony.



Manuel and Queta's daughter Lupita is now a single mom at the age of only 15. She does seem repentant and has shown much spiritual interest recently—faithfully reading her Bible.

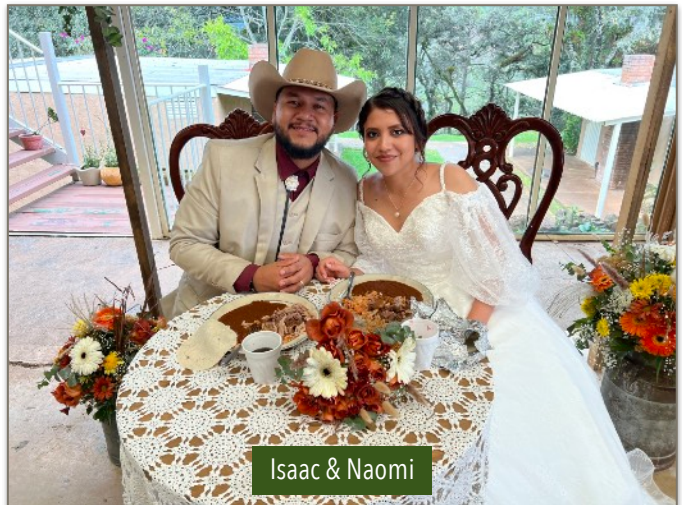
The last time I saw Manuel I encouraged him to leave everything and move closer to where we live so they can start coming to church regularly. My dad offered him work in the Cappuccino business in the past and there are many people in our church who have also offered to help them find a good house to rent.

When we talked, he agreed that that would be the best thing for his family spiritually and that he hoped to make this change the beginning of 2024. Please pray with us about this!

1st Wedding

We had the first of two weddings at the camp this fall, on October 7th. This couple met in the discipleship program back in 2021 and they both have a heart to serve the Lord!

The Gospel was clearly presented at the wedding and many unbelievers were in attendance.



Amor Divino

Right after the wedding, we started into a half week of door to door work in Morelia and it's suburbs.

We were very encouraged by all the contacts that were made during this outreach, not to mention all the Gospels of John that were delivered to hundreds of homes. Many of the contacts have continued studying the Bible, and some of them even came to our recent evangelistic Christmas program.



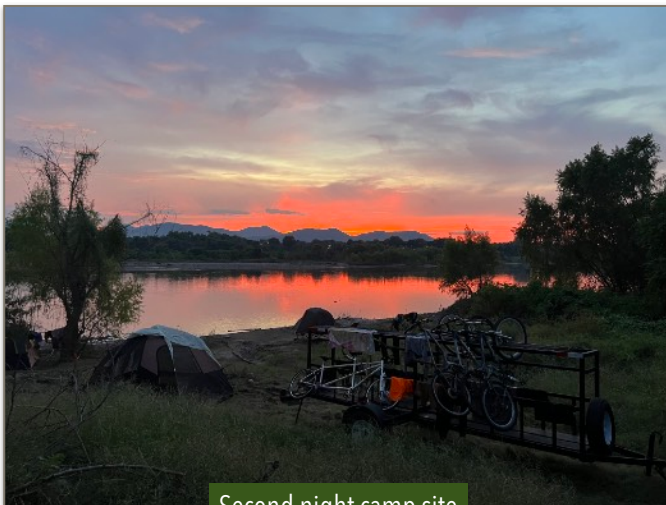
Bike Trip

The bike trip turn out to be one of our best in so many ways. The Lord protected us from the hurricane that wiped out parts of the city of Acapulco to the south of us as we were making our way to the Pacific coast.

We enjoyed sweet fellowship and outstanding teachings the whole week.



Leaving from the camp early on Monday morning



Second night camp site



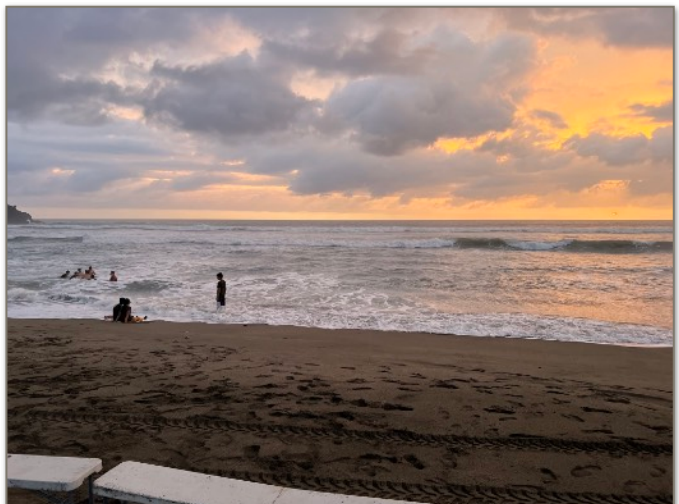
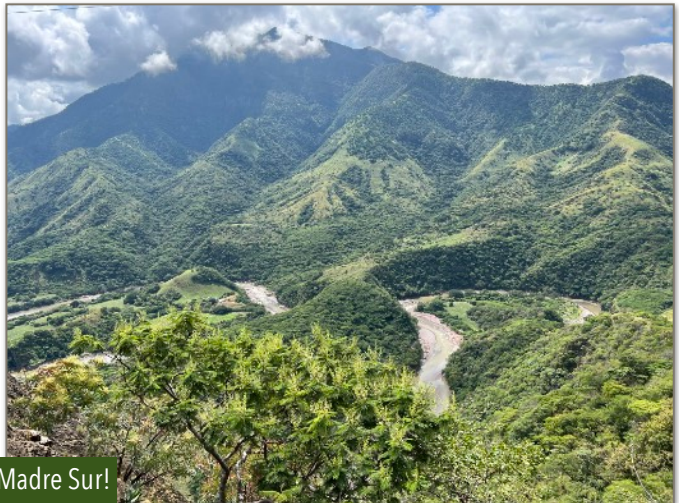
Crossing the river the next morning



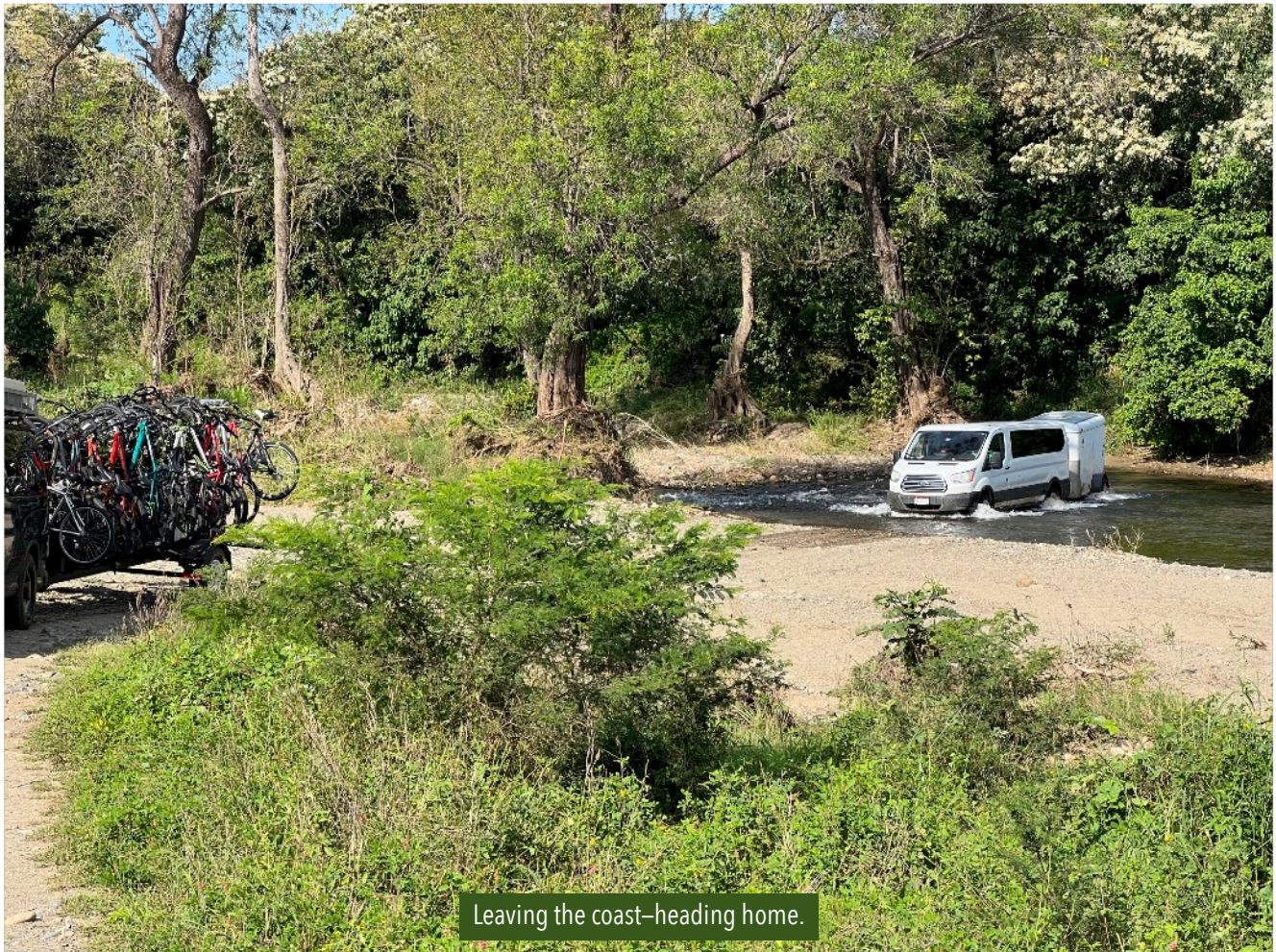
Here they come!



In the Sierra Madre Sur!



Finally arrived at the coast!

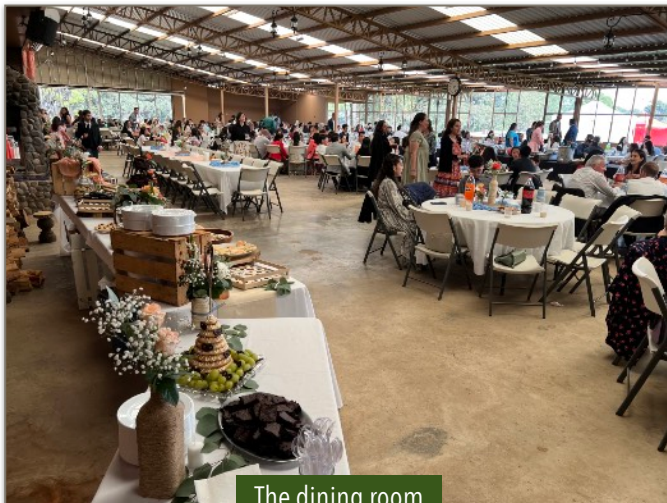


2nd Wedding

Our close friends Edy and Isabel where married at the camp on November 11th. Their wedding was just beautiful and the name of Christ was exalted!



The ceremony



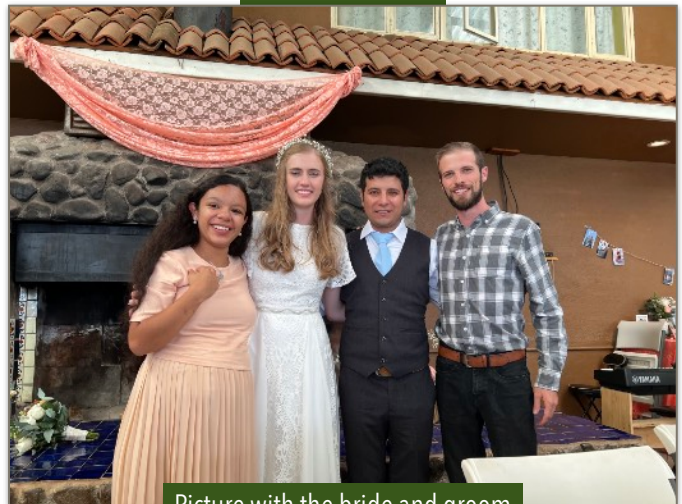
The dining room



Table of desserts



Cooking the meat for the wedding meal



Picture with the bride and groom

November Family Camp

During this annual family camp the teachings were focused on raising children to know and love the Lord—they were all outstanding! We felt like the Lord really moved during this camp, and many people seemed encouraged, convicted and motivated.

Personally, we were very grateful to have heard all these great teachings right before our little one arrives! Please pray that the Lord will help us, as well as the many other families who were present, to put these teachings in practice.



Full auditorium



Making tacos for 450 people!

Thanksgiving!

We had an unforgettable Thanksgiving celebration this year with our fellow missionaries! We have so much to be thankful for!



Thanksgiving table



The food is hot and ready!



Pie and dessert table



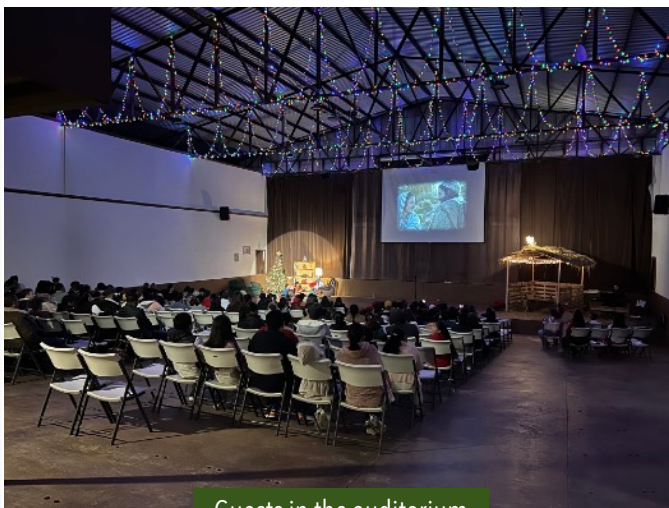
Time to dive in!

Christmas Plays

The Christmas presentation really turned out well this year. We did this Gospel outreach on four different days so that more people could attend. All four days we had a good group of people arrive with close to 200 people showing up on the most attended day!



Guests in the dining room



Guests in the auditorium



Scenes from the Christmas play



Christmas Caroling

Last but not least, we went Christmas caroling with the church, leaving a Gospel tract and a bag of Chicago style popcorn at each home where we sang. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and many people seemed sincerely touched by the gift and the music.



On our way to the village



Bonfire and food after caroling!



What's Next?

We are planning on leaving for Little Rock, AR for the birth of our baby on December 26th. While there, I plan on working to help pay for our expenses.

Hopefully we will be able to return to Mexico in February and get back in sync with the different ministries going on at the camp.

Havilah, the book store has started having more and more online sales! That is actually one of the main things that's kept us busy in these days. During our time in the US for the birth, we will continue running the book store remotely with the help of my mom and sister Annie who will be shipping out any orders that may come in.

We have not stopped praying that the Lord would lead us to the place where He wants us to serve Him. Yet in His perfect time. We are willing to go anywhere but it seems like He has us at the camp for now. Please pray with us that we would be faithful in the small things until He leads us to take the next step.

Thank you all for praying! May you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year—growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Nathan & Keyla

Yours in CHRIST!

MARANATHA!

