

UPDATE: AMOR DIVINO OUTREACH

This past week, around 140 people joined us for another week-long outreach to the **area surrounding** Ciudad Hidalgo, (our project from last year). We praise the Lord for His powerful working on our behalf, allowing us to offer gospels of John at every home in most of the surrounding towns and villages, as well as the city of Tuxpan.



The Lord opened doors for us and answered so many prayers! It looks like we have **around 30 good contacts** to follow up—people who have indicated they would like to know more about the gospel message and begin a Bible study with us.

We have struggled to keep up with the 6-8 studies remaining from last year, which we have carried on with a visit once a week to this city. Though excited about these new contacts, we are asking the Lord to show us how to go about fitting them into our already full schedule! Especially, we continue to ask that he might provide at least one missionary couple for this

area. (It is now looking like two families would be ideal, perhaps even necessary!) We don't know how this will come about, but we know two things:

1. **He is able to do more than we can ask or think!**
2. **He told us to ask for laborers, so we are asking, and would love for you to join us in this request!**

This is mostly a PICTURE-REVIEW of our exciting week, with a few comments and stories along the way. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING WITH US IN PRAYER, AS WELL AS THROUGH YOUR FINANCIAL GIFTS, WHICH HELPED TO COVER THE MULTIPLE COSTS OF AN EVENT LIKE THIS.**

SUNDAY NIGHT "TAQUIZA" (TACO FEAST)



Sunday night, after we arrived, we invited several families who have been studying the Bible with us this year in Cd. Hidalgo, to join our team at our hotel dining room, for a taco feast and a small gospel presentation. Around 30 people showed up! Most of these have not yet believed, but continue to study the Bible and show an openness to the truth. Some appear close to trusting in Christ.



Serving up the tacos



On this evening, and all those following, Caroline Turner, from Delaware, delighted our audiences with her gospel chalk drawings, accompanied by clear gospel explanations by our dear friend, Josué Cuevas. The black light "magic" at the end caused an added impact.



Partial view of Ciudad Hidalgo from our hotel "look-out tower"

MORNING DOOR-TO DOOR WORK
(Offer of gospel of John and tract to every home)





This little boy's parents, José Luis (below), and Rosa, trusted Christ a couple of years ago after AMOR Divino work in their city. They joined us enthusiastically last year, and again, this year.



We did pray about the dogs, and thankfully, this year, there were no dog attacks!



EVENING PRESENTATIONS IN RENTED PARTY HALLS AND ONE PLAZA

(It has become difficult to get permission from the authorities to use public places, like parks and plazas, but in one town, Huajúbaro, the Lord opened up for us the main plaza, and we have around 5 families there who would like Bible studies! It rained hard most of that afternoon, and drizzled before and after, but we were praying hard, and the Lord enabled us to carry out the complete gospel program without hinderance!)



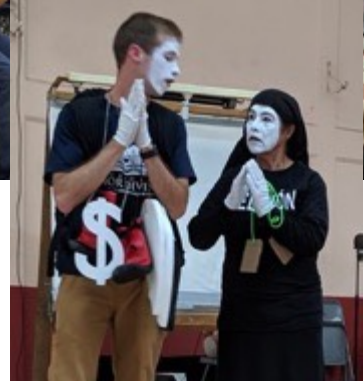
Preparing to hand out flyers for evening program



FOLLOWING ARE A VARIETY OF PICTURES FROM THESE EVENINGS.

Our program included special music, illustrated gospel explanations, testimonies, a mime show, clearly depicting the gospel message, and the chalk drawing. We also had a Wordless book bracelet table, free popcorn, balloons, coloring easels for the kids, and a Bible table.







HUAJÚMBARO
TOWN PLAZA



**OUR TEAM WAS GREAT ABOUT
GETTING AROUND TO TALK TO
PEOPLE AFTER EACH
PRESENTATION!**



This man talking to Miguel bought a Bible and asked for a Bible study.



SOME OF OUR FAVORITE STORIES FROM THE WEEK



Charlie, (left), his wife Mimi and two daughters studied the Bible with us last year for about 6 months. They seemed interested but he became involved in politics, along with his business, and being extra busy, dropped the Bible studies. However, we stayed in contact.

This past week, this family attended 3 of our presentations and he helped us out to get two of our outreach spots. His younger daughter is interested in attending our girls camp in July, and his wife, Mimi, seems extra sensitive and open to spiritual truth.

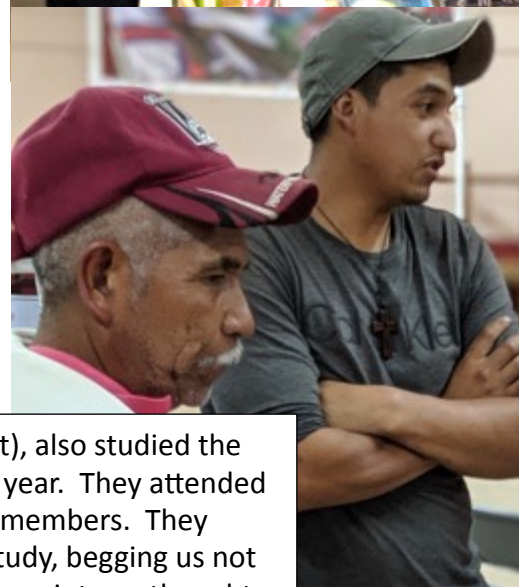
To top it off, the older, more rebellious daughter, Lesli, (16), bought Mark Cahill's book, *A Heartbeat Away*, at our book table one evening (below). She had never shown any spiritual interest. Please pray for conviction and deep spiritual insight as she reads this book!



Charlie invited this friend, Javier, to one of the programs, and he seemed quite interested. Nathan had a good talk with him.



Explaining gospel coin

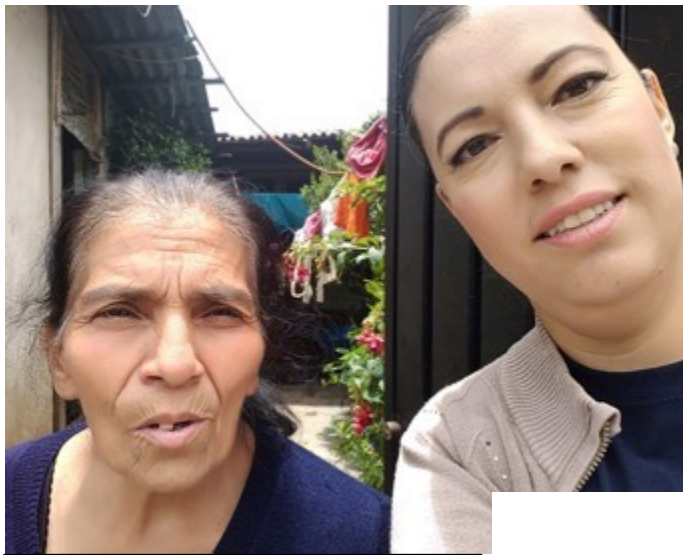


Lupe Tello (above), and her family (husband and son, right), also studied the Bible in their home with Miguel and Abril during the past year. They attended two of our outreaches last week and invited many family members. They seem extremely grateful and desirous of continuing the study, begging us not to abandon them. They are extremely Catholic and at one point, we thought they were losing interest. Please pray for their salvation.

Both the husband and wife in this home wanted a Bible study. He declared he has become disgusted with the immorality condoned by the priest during the cock fights in his town and says he wants something different. They live in a beautiful town, Mata de Pinos, which is on a lake in the mountains above Cd. Hidalgo. →



← This couple sat through the entire presentation at the plaza in Huajúbaro, and both watched with tears, the conclusion of the Mime skit, depicting Christ taking our sins on Himself. Michael talked with them after and they seemed interested. Since then, they have written Michael a message, asking him to visit them.



← Isabel (on the right), and her husband are enthusiastic young believers who took part in this outreach for the first time this year and loved it. She shared her testimony confidently and beautifully in the Huajúbaro plaza.

Isabel contacted this woman during the morning door-to-door work. She said she could not read, but would be happy to have someone come and read the Bible to her, and that she would bring together a group of people to come and listen with her!

The woman in this home, Paulina, has 10 grown children, several of whom live in the US. They sent her a large-print Bible and she wants someone to come and teach her. She has her yard beautifully groomed, and graciously invited us into her home to sit down and visit. →



The day after we returned home, a man wrote us a message saying he had found one of our cards on the ground, and wanted a gospel of John. Also, he asked if someone could teach him from the Bible!



←We have studied with Ricardo and Rosa in their home this whole past year. Ricardo is almost blind but has listened constantly to Bible recordings and Unshackled stories we have given him. He seems close to believing the gospel message personally for himself. Rosa is also very open, as well as a niece, Ana, who studies with them. They brought a daughter-in-law, Ivette, to one of the programs and she is extremely interested in studying the Bible, but fears her husband's lack of approval.

OUR FAVORITE STORY:

One morning, Abril was sitting in their parked car with one of her girls who was sick, while Miguel went knocking on doors. This girl, (on the right) → Tere, walked by timidly once, back again, twice, and then a third time. Finally she gathered courage to ask if they were the ones leaving the tracts in the doors.

Abril got out to talk to her and discovered Tere had been a drug addict, and while at a drug rehab center in Morelia, had been visited by Christians who had shared the gospel. She had trusted Christ, and seemed to have a good understanding of the gospel. Upon returning home 4 months before, her parents were dismayed to find she had become a Christian, exclaiming that first she was a drug addict, and now a Christian—how much worse could it get??! They took away her Bible. She continues to read it in secret on her phone.

Tere had been praying that Christians would come to her house! She later expressed amazement that it was on the very day of her birthday that God had sent her this gift. Miguel and Abril had unwittingly parked right outside the door of her house! She still does not have her parents' approval, but M and A found out where she works, left her some books and were able to encourage her. We will continue to be in contact. Please pray with us for Tere and praise the Lord for His precious answer to her prayers. She lives in a village that is off the beaten track, yet the Lord took us right to her door!

