

AMOR DIVINO UPDATE

How can we thank you enough for your priceless prayers on behalf of the AMOR Divino outreach last week??! We can now tell you with joy that the Lord so abundantly answered, pouring out His mercies, watching over and blessing every aspect of this event.

We had around 140 helpers for this project (including children). We were based in Michael and Sofi's spacious yard in Ciudad Hidalgo, which includes a large, tarped area just perfect for meals and gatherings. 50 people camped in the yard and the rest stayed in a nearby hotel, which is within walking distance of their house.

Every morning, after a grand breakfast, we enjoyed an uplifting devotional, shared by our dear friend, Josué Cuevas, who brought a team from northern Mexico to join us, driving well over 12 hours each way! We would then load up in vans to make the hour-long drive to the city of Zitácuaro, the target city for our door-to-door work. By the Lord's favor, we were able to distribute gospels of John and/or tracts to most of the homes in the city.



By 2:00, we were back in Cd. Hidalgo for a welcome lunch and rest period. Later in the afternoon, we had a group prayer time and dessert, and then headed to local parks to share the gospel through illustrations, testimonies, songs, mime, and children's activities. Finally, we returned home for supper, fellowship, and rest.

←We had a large map of Zitácuaro hung up in our meal area. Each day, the team leaders marked off the streets covered during the morning's work.

Michael is currently working to follow up with the 24 people who gave contact information, indicating a desire to know more.



Mealtimes



Preparing strawberries and cream for afternoon dessert



Granddaughter, Julie, "helping" with the strawberries.



These boys did a great job keeping the pots and pans washed up!



One team riding to new streets in Zitácuaro



Late afternoon park presentation



DOG STORIES

Thank you for praying for protection! Many declared they had never seen a city with

so many dogs!

Only one person was bitten, and it was not bad, as it did not tear his pants. However, many were threatened!

One day a big black dog, who the neighbors warned was bad, tried to bite Annie twice, but each time he came into physical contact with her, he suddenly seemed to bounce off her and would run away whimpering!

Others told of dogs who appeared to confront them, but then became their friends and chased all the other dogs off from bothering them.





Many good gospel conversations took place in the parks.



DIVINE LOVE – DIVINE ENCOUNTERS

Just a few of the many encounters the Lord set up for us...

- * One of our guys met a man who had found a New Testament discarded in an empty lot and had begun reading it. He wanted to know more.
- * A little boy, around 10 years old, upon seeing Annie deliver the gospel of John to a woman in his neighborhood, went running into his house and returned with a handful of coins, enquiring if he could buy one for himself! He was so happy when Annie gave him his own gospel of John, free.
- * The woman in charge of a neighborhood park we were preparing to use, at first told us we couldn't carry out our event there and refused to grant permission. However, somehow, her mind was changed, and she finally consented. Then she sat through the entire presentation, paying close attention. At the end, she poured out her heart to Bevy Cuevas and admitted that her true need was the message of Scripture and the gospel. She promised to call Michael for a study. Please pray that she would follow through...most who promise never call.
- * Josué found a young man desperately attempting to get off of drugs. He declared that God had sent Josué to him that very day and he gave his contact for a Bible study. His mother also expressed interest.
- * One man slowly drove his pickup by the park and heard our message. He immediately recognized the truth he heard was from Scripture. He's a new believer but had been unable to find a sound church in Cd. Hidalgo. He talked to Michael, got the address, and attended the meeting at their house on Sunday with his family.

* Annie asked a young woman, after giving her a gospel, if she knew where she was going after she died. She said, "The way I've been living, I don't know." Annie shared her own assurance through faith in Christ. The girl exclaimed, "You must be so relieved!"



One day, Annie and Hannah had the extra special delight of working in this beautiful area of Zitácuaro. They even found this little stream and waterfall with crystal-clear, ice-cold water bubbling through it! The city is built mostly on the sides of mountains, so many teams returned exhausted from "scaling" the steep streets to reach each home.

Please pray with us for all the people in Zitácuaro and Ciudad Hidalgo who received a gospel or tract. Pray they would read it and God's light would shine in their hearts.

Pray that those who expressed interest would follow through and the seed would not be taken from their hearts. Pray that many more would call the number on the back of the tracts.

Pray for Michael and Sofi as they follow up on the contacts--pray for God's intervention to make the connections.

Pray that soon, God would send someone to serve Him in Zitácuaro.

Thank you for praying about the weather! Rainy season did begin early, and we had some hard rains, but never at a time when they interrupted our work, in spite of the fact that often, the rains tend to come in the afternoons, just when we would be doing our park presentations.