

CLARK PRAYER UPDATE AND CALENDAR

We desperately need and depend on your prayers. We can't thank you enough for your faithfulness in going to the Lord on our behalf over all these years! We believe it won't be long before we are rejoicing together over the many answers from the Lord that we could not see here on earth. But someday soon...

FOLLOWING, WE LIST A FEW CURRENT ITEMS FOR PRAYER BEFORE ORGANIZING THE REQUESTS WEEKLY FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. (Notice specific prayer requests in dark lettering in the following list) **PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

JORGE AND ANA

A couple of months ago, Ana began to attend church and a weekly Bible study with Jorge. We were amazed at this development, as she had once been so angry over his new faith that she hid his Bible. However, things are not all well, and they urgently need prayer!



Jorge is undergoing a terrible struggle with various temptations to former sins. He is very discouraged and sometimes feels almost overwhelmed. **Pray that he might find victory in Christ and His Word.**

Ana is really only coming because of a desperate deal she made with Jorge at one point when she thought she might lose him. She seems to enjoy their growing friendship with Michael and Sofi, who have taken over the study with them. They are around the same age and both have small children.

Though slightly aloof toward the teaching, the last week she came, Michael says that she seemed to have some small moments of truth dawning on her soul, which she expressed during the study. Nevertheless, she firmly declares she has no intention of leaving her Catholic faith or her worldly pleasures. **Please pray for her understanding, conviction of sin, and coming to Christ for salvation.**

THE WORK IN CIUDAD HIDALGO

It has been a joy to continue working with **Tina and her girls** in Cd. Hidalgo. They are struggling with severe trials and poverty, but growing through the Word, and they cannot thank us enough for introducing them to Christ. They are longing to attend church, so next week, they will be taking the bus that comes out our way (at least a two-hour ride—and not very comfortable!), so that they can attend church with us.

One family (the jello people) has decided to quit studying with us. Another family (**Charly and Mimí**—the man who owns the welding shop and miniature soccer court), has finished the Romans course, and Ted told them to contact us if they would like to continue with another study. We hope **they will take the initiative to continue.** It is hard to tell where they are at and how sincere their spiritual interest. But in the last study, Mimí commented how she has been amazed, reading Proverbs, (on her own), how applicable it is to this very day and age. She stated that the more



she reads the Bible, the more she wants to keep reading it! Apparently, she started out opposed to our coming, but sometimes, she seems to show more insight and spiritual perception than the rest of her family!

Ricardo and Rosa are also a delight to teach as they soak in the truths, and so love to listen to their Bible recordings that they often leave them playing all night long. They are struggling too, with heart-breaking trials in regard to their children, as well as the poverty which has resulted from his blindness.

Several others continue to study with us and show interest, and a couple of **new contacts** have come about, which may turn into Bible studies, eventually. **Miguel and Abril** are having a particularly good response from two of their Bible studies on Sundays.

MANUEL AND QUETA



For a short time, we were so encouraged to see Manuel (from San Carlos, down in hot country), strengthened spiritually, rising early to read his Bible and teaching his children the Word. But sadly, he has drifted back again to the former carelessness—has quit reading his Bible and is hanging around with bad companions, and apparently, getting involved in shady business deals.

It is extremely hard to make an honest living in their area, and he evidently didn't feel he could make the motorcycle repair business work. Queta is heart-broken but is trying to keep trusting the Lord for a lasting transformation in her husband. Please pray that the Lord, in His mercy, would bring this about. It is hard to see the work in that area continuing forward if Manuel is living a double standard before the towns-people.

INCREASING VIOLENCE

The violence here appears to come in waves. Recently, there seems to be an increase again, of mafia control and lawlessness in many parts of the country. All we can do is to call upon the Lord, and we ask you to join us in praying that the Lord would:

1. **Frustrate and thwart the plans of evil men, confounding their strategies and not allowing them to get a foothold in Michoacán (Ps. 146:9; Neh. 4:15; Is. 19:3). . .That He would scatter and confuse them and fight for us and against them (Ps. 144:3; Ex. 14:24-25).**
2. **That He would empower and motivate the government authorities to do what they were sent for (...the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right—1 Pet. 2:14) and give them a zeal for justice and for law and order. (1 Tim. 2:2-4)**
3. **That we would be rescued from perverse and evil men. (2 Thes. 3:2)**

BEREA COFFEE COMPANY AND ELSA

Thank you for your continued prayers and interest. As we explained in our last update, this has been a tranquil year for Berea Coffee with almost no word from the government and no movement in either of the two cases. We aren't sure why, but we continue to enjoy the break! Elsa's 77-year-old mother, Esther, who is not a believer, was just diagnosed with a stage 2 breast tumor. The outlook for treating it seems positive at this point, but of course, this has added stress and hardship to Elsa's life as she cares for her mother and longs for her salvation. She has heard the gospel so many times but is a very self-righteous person. Please **pray that she might come to Christ through this trial and for Elsa to have peace and wisdom.**



ROSY (below in her home with her two children), is Josefina's daughter-in-law and lives close to us in Los Fresnos.



She has not missed one dessert class and has some good talks with her mother-in-law about spiritual truths. She began to open up about a year ago when she was struggling with panic attacks. She started reading her Bible quite faithfully.

Priscilla has visited her numerous times at her home and she has been very open toward the gospel message, though we are still unsure if she has understood in her heart. She often has perceptive questions and seems to listen intently to the answers. **Please pray for the Lord's work in her heart, to bring her to Himself.**

REBECA We have known Rebeca since she was a girl. From the nearby village of

Triguillos, she is our Juan's niece. Since she was young, she heard the gospel message from Juan and Bertha, with whom she spent much time. But she never responded to believe in Christ personally. Now, coping with a husband who likes to drink and a baby with some health challenges, she has really opened up, agreeing with Juan that she needs the Lord in her life. She began weekly Bible studies with Priscilla a few months ago and her comments and questions, as they have gone through the gospel of John, have revealed a heart hungry for truth and for peace. In this week's study, she clearly indicated that she has now trusted in Christ for her salvation, and expressed wonder at her own reticence to believe all these years! We talked about how Bertha has surely attended the party in Heaven which has taken place at her conversion! **Please pray for good solid spiritual growth in her and for the salvation of her husband, Mario, who is not open at this time.**



ADRIÁN Also related to folks in our church, Adrián recently came here from Mexico City after a big conflict with his wife, in which she ran him out. Apparently, he has a successful business there, which his wife continues to run. We do not know the details, but we can see the Lord has used this greatly in his life. His mother says he used to be opposed to their faith in Christ, but since he came, he has not missed one of our church services, and seems to be earnestly seeking for spiritual truth. This week, he began a Bible study with Ted. He has been a delight to teach as he eagerly assimilates the truths he hears and seems very close to a personal faith in Christ. **Please pray for the restoration and salvation of this family.**

NOVEMBER FAMILY CAMP (November 17-19)

We greatly appreciate your prayers for our large November family camp, where we receive close to 500 people. We still need to do a lot of planning and preparation. **Pray for the Lord's leading and provision for every detail, and that He would use this camp to bring many people closer to Himself.**

THE NEED FOR LABORERS FOR MEXICO

"Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said... 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few... beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.'" (Mt. 9:36-38)

We feel this same longing as we see the overwhelming needs around us! When we first came to Mexico, there were many workers in this country. But the majority have had to leave, and we feel very much alone, in a vast harvest field of needy people. We long to do more but are severely limited for lack of personnel. **Please pray with us that the Lord would send us workers for Ciudad Hidalgo and for many other places around us.**

CLARK PRAYER CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2018

- NOV. 1-10 Pray for Jorge and Ana this week, according the requests mentioned on page 1.
- NOV. 11-17 Pray for the large family camp and the final preparations this week, with camp taking place on the weekend (see p. 3)
- NOV. 18-24 Please pray with us for the work in Ciudad Hidalgo, this week, and each of the families mentioned on pages 1-2, as well as Miguel and Abril's studies, and the new possibilities.
- NOV. 25-30 Pray for Manuel and Queta, and the work in San Carlos, using the requests on p. 2.
- DEC. 1-8 Please pray with us for our 3 weekends of evangelistic Christmas outreaches at the camp. Pray for wisdom in planning, for provision of all the help needed, and especially, that the Lord would bring many unsaved people to attend, who would hear the gospel and come to Christ.
- DEC. 9-15 Pray this week for Berea Coffee Company and for Elsa and her mother and the rest of her family who are not believers.
- DEC. 16-22 Please pray for Rosy, Adrian and others who are studying the Bible and considering the claims of Christ. Pray that they would come to truly trust and know Him. (p. 3) Pray for Rebeca's spiritual growth.
- DEC. 23-31 Join us in praying for the many needed workers to take the gospel to millions of "distressed and dispirited" Mexicans who still have not heard.

EXTRA PICTURES JUST FOR FUN...

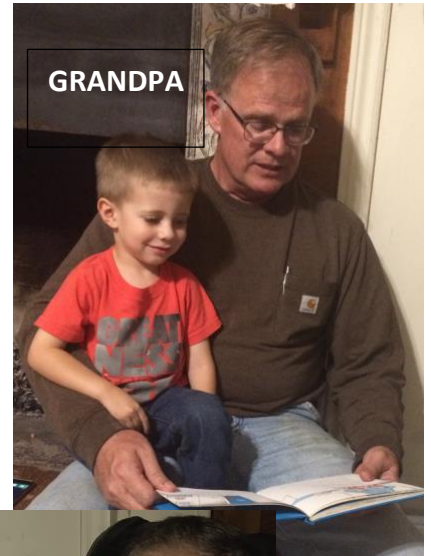
Eldon and Jemimah's favorite thing—having somebody read to them—anybody!



UNCLE NATHAN



AUNT
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MICHAEL WITH
LEVI—3 MONTHS