

Clark Prayer Update and Calendar for March/April, 2020



You are probably familiar with our AMOR Divino project—attempting to provide each of the million+ homes in our state of Michoacán with a gospel of John and a tract, watching for those who are ready to hear the gospel and would like a Bible study in their home. **The Lord has done wonderful things for us**, providing the materials needed, as well as enthusiastic believers to help with knocking on so many doors! Several people have been saved, and two church planting efforts are underway after covering new areas. Around 250,000 homes have been visited.

One big challenge is our desire to reach new areas which have no church or known believers, yet not having the personnel there for follow-up, after these outreaches.

The Lord has given us one solution this year. Several of the churches we work with in nearby cities have eagerly joined us, inviting and hosting any believers who would like to take part, for one weekend during the year, to do a 20/20 Outreach in their city. Basically, this is just a mini AMOR Divino event with Friday and Saturday night evangelistic presentations in a park, Saturday door-to-door work, and tract distribution in a park again on Sunday after church. Of course, the great advantage is that the believers from the hosting church are right on hand for follow up and Bible studies.

The last weekend in January, around 100 believers came together in the city of Irapuato for one of these events. The church there did a beautiful job of hosting the whole group! The fellowship and encouragement among the believers was only topped off with the joy of finding 10 contacts, desiring to know more of God's truth. One of these has become an enthusiastic Bible study with 9 adult extended-family members attending! Others are being followed up.

Our next outreach is coming up the last weekend of February, in the city of Zamora, where Caleb and Alma are working to start a church. We covered this city a few years ago, but want to revisit some areas, in hopes of finding hearts newly opened to the truth of the gospel. Over 100 people are already signed up to take part! The Lord has provided for the rental of a large party hall where we can gather and do the meals. Please pray that He would prepare hearts, giving people who receive our visits a love for the truth, so as to be saved. (2 Thes. 2:10)

Lord willing, we still plan to carry out our week-long AMOR Divino project the beginning of June. But we are excited about these weekend Visión 20/20 efforts, hoping to do at least five of them, during the year.



BEREA COFFEE UPDATE

How to make a very complex and convoluted situation understandable in just a few words??? Here is what we can tell you right now. It will give you an idea of how to pray...

Last time, we told you about a federal magistrate who amazingly received Elsa and after listening and interacting with her for 2 ½ hours, seemingly changed his mind, and became sympathetic about the false charges leveled at Berea Coffee by the tax authorities.

This very man is responsible to make a decision on an identical case in these coming days. If his decision is favorable, it appears almost certain that the final decision regarding Berea Coffee will be what we desire. If he decides against us then we will have to make our final appeal. So please pray with us for the Lord's will to be done.

For those who would like to read a truly fascinating, detailed explanation of all the amazing things that have come to light in recent months, we are working on a long update, and will try to send it out soon.



Juan and Lidia.
Juan continues to do an excellent job teaching and leading the work in Arúbaro.

FAMILY NEWS AND EXCITING ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS

First of all, our second son, Michael and his wife Sofi, are expecting our fourth grandchild in early October! We are excited about another addition to our family. But we are also thrilled to see the way the Lord has been working in their hearts, allowing us to rejoice in a much-needed addition to our work team here in central Mexico!

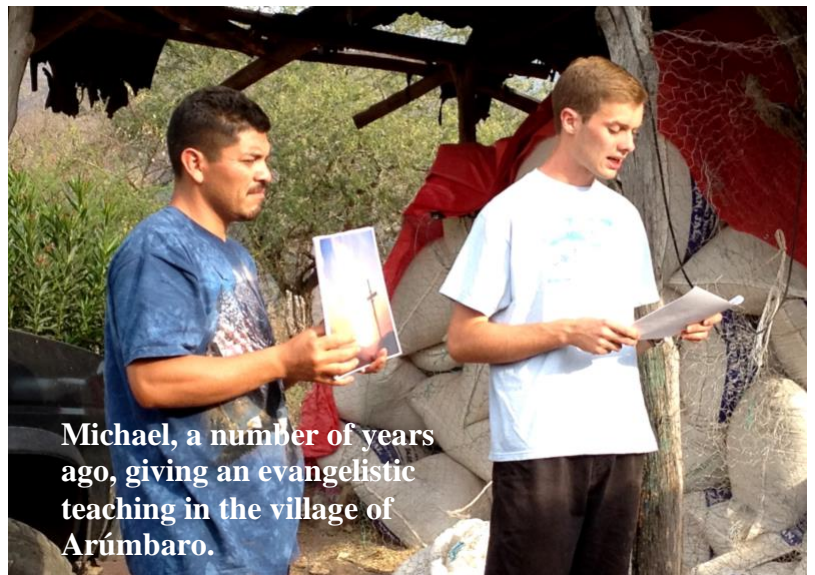
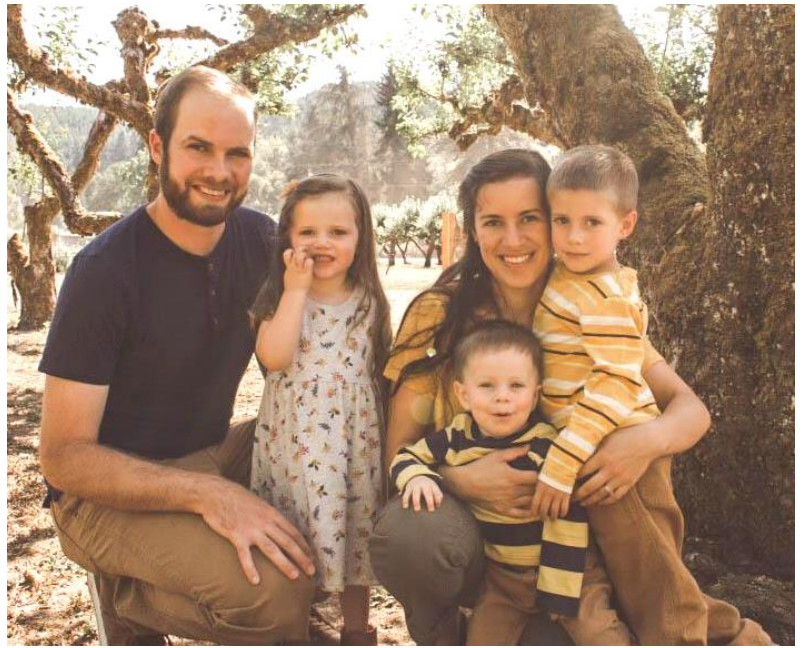
For years we have prayed that our children would spend their lives in the service of the King, and we have been filled with gratefulness to see Him answering that prayer, for each in their own way and time. For years, as well, we have been praying for the laborers needed for the massive, unreached harvest in this part of Mexico.

Michael and Sofi have been a great support to us in our work, teaching home Bible studies, helping with evangelistic outreaches and leading camps. Michael has worked full-time for the cappuccino business the past couple of years. But recently, the Lord has placed on his and Sofi's hearts the desire to give themselves wholly to the work in Mexico, trusting in Him to meet their needs. They are open and willing to launch out to a new area of Michoacán where church planting is needed. As you know, we have been praying for a full-time family for Ciudad Hidalgo. That is a possibility they are considering.

They also have a heart for the ministry taking place at the camp. Numerous evangelistic Bible studies have been opening up with young couples in the nearby villages, with whom they can relate very well. They have been leading a discipleship program for a group of young adults; Michael loves this type of work. Their additional involvement at the camp would help lift part of our load, freeing us for further ministry elsewhere.

So, they are praying for the Lord to lead them concerning the exact location where He wants them. Their heart's desire, wherever, is to be involved in evangelism and discipleship until the Lord returns.

Another young couple from northern Mexico, Daniel and Sarai Mares, are planning to join us within the next few months, desiring to take part in a new church planting effort in one of the needy cities of Michoacán. We are praying about the possibility of doing our big AMOR Divino week in the large city of Zitácuaro this year, and having them locate there to begin follow up, and hopefully, start a church there.



Michael, a number of years ago, giving an evangelistic teaching in the village of Arúmbaro.



Talking to a couple at the park after AMOR Divino outreach last year in the town of Huajúmbaro

CLARK PRAYER CALENDAR FOR MARCH / APRIL, 2020

MARCH 1-7 This weekend (Feb 28-Mar. 1) is our Zamora 2020 outreach. Please pray for blessing, protection, wisdom, and zeal for our team of workers, and for open hearts and a good response in those who hear. Pray for all who responded in Irapuato, and those who will respond in Zamora, that many would come to be saved.

MARCH 8-14 Please pray with us for the decisions perhaps being taken by the judges at this very time concerning the fate of the case against Berea Coffee Company. An appropriate prayer can be found in Psalm 141:9-10; 142:6b. *"Keep me from the jaws of the trap which they have set for me, and from the snares of those who do iniquity. Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by safely." "Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me."*

So many of the Psalms have taken on a new significance for us. Ps. 37 is especially meaningful!

MARCH 15-21 This weekend is our Parents in Action river camping trip. Please pray for the Lord's protection and blessing, that it may be a time of good fellowship and growth. We felt the Lord answered a specific prayer last month for our Parents in Action camp, as we had asked concerning the impact of the books being read by the families for homework between camps. Many were deeply impacted by the Hidden Rainbow story. We heard of different ones who could not put it down, who wept as they read it, and said that it portrayed exactly their own story of coming to Christ from Catholicism. This time, they are to read the biography of Charles Mulli. We ourselves were very much touched by this story recently as we listened to it in audio form on our trips to Cd. Hidalgo. *We highly recommend the audio version from Heroes Then and Now.*

MARCH 22-28 Pray for our work in Cd. Hidalgo. We continue to go there every Monday and Tuesday, and have around 12 Bible studies each week. We feel that some of the people are showing signs of really understanding the gospel, and have come to trust in Christ for their salvation. This has been so encouraging for us! One young couple, Andrés and Lucy, came over to the camp for our evangelistic Valentine's supper on Feb. 15. This was a brave move for them, never having come before! Pray for their salvation. Please continue to pray for just the right full-time family for Cd. Hidalgo. We hope to get all the families together this next weekend for the first time, at a beautiful picnic place just outside the city. Pray for the Lord to develop a love and unity among them, and for all to see the love of Christ in us and those from our church who will go with us.

MARCH 29 – APRIL 4 Please join us again this month in praying for peace and stability in Mexico. Pray for wisdom for the current government, to have a zeal for justice and the ability to restore law and order in the country. Pray for the protection of God's people and the downfall of the wicked.

APRIL 5-11 Pray for our large family Easter camp on this long weekend. Pray for wisdom for us, and all the help needed to host around 500 people. This tends to be the largest camp of the year. Pray for rich blessing through all the teachings and the fellowship happening through these days.

APRIL 12-18 This week, a group from numerous churches will be taking a bike trip from the camp to the coast. One purpose is for the discipleship of fathers with their sons. Many more than fathers and sons have joined the trip through the years. Please pray for protection all the way, and spiritual growth in all who take part.

APRIL 19-25 Please pray for wisdom in planning our big AMOR Divino outreach June 7-12. Pray for wisdom and direction concerning the Mares family, and wisdom and the Lord's detailed guidance for Michael and Sofi concerning their next steps and final location. Please pray that the Lord would continue to provide more workers for Mexico.

APRIL 26 – MAY 2 Pray for our group of young people at the camp who are part of our discipleship program. Pray that each of them would grow in their time here to know and love the Lord and His Word more each day. Pray for each of the ministries they are involved in, including discipling younger kids in the church, and the works in Arúmbaro and San Carlos. Please continue praying for Alicia (Arúmbaro), who is due to have a baby in May. Pray for the salvation of her husband, Salomon, and continue praying for the families in San Carlos, especially for growth and encouragement for Manuel and Queta.



We appreciate your prayers for Caleb and Alma as they lead the small group of believers meeting in Zamora and continue with the challenge of extending the AMOR Divino project to new areas.

Recently, the Lord gave them a tremendous encouragement as they were taking gospels to the homes in a town about an hour from Zamora. They had covered about half of the town on one visit, and then, before they could return to continue, they received a call from a woman from that town, asking if they could come to her home for a Bible study.

When they arrived, they were surprised to see that she lived in the part of town they still had not done! They asked her how she knew to call their number, and she said that one of our tracts had been slipped under her door. We still have not solved that mystery, but definitely feel this was the Lord's doing, however He did it!

Tere told them that she had called her husband, who is working in Florida, and who has begun attending a church there. She read the tract to him over the phone, and he told her that what it said was the truth, and she should contact those people at once and ask for a Bible study!

She has been attentive and eager each week as Alma teaches her, asking many good questions and expressing a longing to know that she has eternal life. When they first arrived, she asked if they could not come more than once a week to teach her!

However, Caleb and Alma also sense that the enemy is hard at work in Tere's life, trying to turn her back. Her 16-year-old daughter got pregnant, ran off with her boyfriend, and lost her baby, all without telling her mom, and Tere herself has been experiencing nightmares and often is unable to sleep. Please pray that Satan will not gain the victory in Tere's life. Pray that she and all her family will come to believe in Christ and follow Him with all their hearts.



Above: Preparations for Valentine's outreach dinner. Right: First table on the right, we are seated with Andres and Lucy from Cd. Hidalgo, with their backs turned, and the older couple facing forward are from Morelia, owners of the business that supplies Berea Coffee with cups. They express spiritual interest, attending some of our events. They seemed touched by the gospel presentation that evening. Please pray for their salvation. Their last name is Huerta.





Annie got to spend some time with her good friend, Abbey Norris, when they were here for the wedding.



Alicia (from Arúmbaro), with all her children. Please pray for her, using the request on the final week of the prayer calendar. Her children seem to be doing very well, sensitive to the Lord and growing spiritually.