

“... the joy of the LORD is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10

July, 2023.

What a beautiful, strengthening reminder from Nehemiah to the people of Israel! They had been exposed to the words of the LORD and found themselves lacking... What a special reminder to me too! Only when I remember who I am in Christ (and not focused on all my failures), and how He rejoices in His great salvation towards me in Christ, I find myself strengthened to continue walking in holiness and serving, in Him... I find the power to continually pray and let Him schedule my life (I'm now facing the reality that I am not the spring chicken I used to be!!!) God is good, so good! ...

These past few months were a whirlwind, yet He carries us in His wings— Thank you for your support and prayers!!! Please, join me praying as I recount His blessings:

April. In His grace, Jesus, at the True Woman Conference in Guadalajara, bore a new believer among us, Ceci. She teaches at my family's school in Celaya, and came with my sisters Laura, Ana Lilia, Carmen, niece Ámbar and my Mom. **Lord Jesus, we thank You for Ceci's salvation. We pray that You continue to draw her to Yourself thru Your Word, and to Your Family in her town. We thank you too for the encouraging teachings. We pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to obey what each women, young (Silvia, Susana and Gabii +) and old (my sisters, Mom, Nellie, I +), learned, for Your glory! We continue to ask for the salvation of Carmen.**



In His amazing grace, God powerfully used the teachings at Camp Berea in Morelia and several opportunities for counseling arouse. Also, it was beautiful to catch up with brethren that I had not seen in many years! **Thank You Father for being sovereign and in control. Oh, cause us to rest in knowing that You work all things together for good, for Your glory!**



Visiting Puruandiro is always so dear to my heart. I count it a privilege to teach and counsel, meet new people, visit with those I have loved for many years and seeing them making disciples. A special delight was to see Reina obeying the LORD in baptism. Juanita has been spending time with her in the Word... **Oh, Father, we continue to pray that You raise elders for Your church in Puruandiro. Thank You that the Tuohys are back from Denmark; please, continue to give them Your wisdom...**



The LORD provided all the help we needed so we could finish the Release Time Class with 27 children! **Lord Jesus, thank You for each child that came to know You personally and those that have known You; cause them to be in Your Word. Please, protect them from the evil**

one, we ask... We thank You for all the helpers You provided, each so timely! We ask, that if it is Your will, You provide the help needed for next year: co-teachers, van drivers, class helpers and counselors, for Your glory...

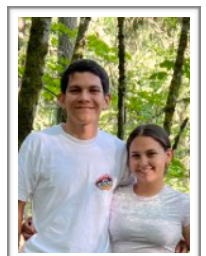


May. The MiniCamp for teachers and counselors was very encouraging. What a blessing it is to see their willingness to serve, and their teachable spirits. **Father, bless each of these precious young women that have chosen to make You the desire of their hearts!**

Visiting my dear friend and sister Sandra and her husband Phil Prime, Miriam, Elizabeth and Danny in Sherwood, AR was very precious ... It is evident that their comfort, hope and strength is Jesus Christ... They are lovingly surrounded by the care of the brethren from Faith Bible Fellowship, who also suffered a great loss... **We thank You, Lord Jesus, for You are the God of all comfort, and our renewed hope is in You... We thank You too for the precious memories, the healing tears, and the fun laughter shared together... God, You are good!**



May 24, my beloved friend and missionary's advocate at First Baptist in Ashland and for the WMF (Women Missionary Fellowship), Lorraine Hays, went to be with the LORD. A few days before, Quico and I were able to visit with her over the phone, expressing what a blessing she had been to our lives... Her memorial greatly exalted our Savior's faithfulness, and her faithful service in Him to many missionaries. The day after, my Mom and I helped filling up my car with many of Lorraine's kitchen things, so we could pass them to **Andres & Estefany**, a Colombian couple in Eugene that recently arrived as refugees. **Oh, Father, we pray that they perceive Your love and care, and see their need of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior...**





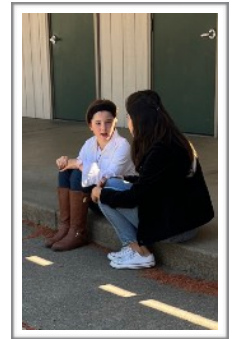
June. Thank you for praying for my Mom's visit and her health. By the grace of God, we had a sweet month together! She helped me with various projects and work (including preparing the Sunday School teachings for IBE's children). We even got to spend a day with Ámbar as she arrived from Mexico on the 15th and my Mom left the 16th! Then from the 17th to the 24th, Ámbar, Josie (Eugene), Josy (Grants Pass) and I went to the **CYIA** (Christian Youth in Action) training. Each of us were greatly challenged by the teachings of CEF missionary Beltane Harrigan. I had the privilege to served as a counselor and mentor, and God allowed stretching circumstances among campers that led to edifying and comforting counseling. **Thank You Father, for the humble response and growth in these youth that are serving You. Cause us to serve You humbly always, we pray...**



July. The MiniCamp for Girls caused an amazing impact as we sat under the teachings of young ladies that have chosen, by the grace of God and not without sacrifice, to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Arlene Norris wrapped up 1 Peter by challenging us to walk humbly before the LORD, being very aware of our enemy, the devil, and reminding us that God gives us the power to resist him, as we submit to Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, in obedience to His Word... **Lord Jesus, we thank You for the girls from Cannon Beach who responded by obeying You in baptism. We pray also for Brianna's salvation and spiritual walk. Please, keep each of us, volunteers and campers, walking with You, reading Your Word and obeying it, reflecting Your glory...**



At Five Day Camp, Ámbar was privileged to lead sweet Emily to Christ. She comes from an unbelieving family and was invited by a friend. While Ámbar was interviewing her, I happened to walk by and heard Ámbar explaining that Jesus did die on the cross to pay the punishment she deserved for her sins, and that He didn't stay dead, but rose to life again on the third day. To this Emily responded something like, "Really, He did it for me?" with a mix of awe and excitement. Later, Ámbar, with teary eyes, told me that Emily invited Christ to come into her life... **Oh, Father, we pray for precious Emily. Keep her walking in Your Word and Your ways; and we commit to You other children that have become Your children this summer over the many camps and clubs around the world, may they grow up to follow You wholeheartedly, we pray...**



Just this past week, we had our first Five Day Club in Spanish! Lucely hosted it at the apartment complex where almost half of the families from our church live. Almost all the children from our church attended and several neighbor children too, PTL! **Oh, Father, how wonderful are Your ways! We pray that the seeds planted in these children grow to make a difference for Your glory... We pray for Fabian & Luisa's salvation and their children, Sofia and Martin too (they loved the stories and were diligent to memorize verses). Cause them to be attracted to Your truths like a magnet, now that they have a Bible and the book *The King of Glory* in Spanish...**



August & September. The Lord willing, I will be visiting several of you this summer in Texas, the Carolinas, and New Jersey! I desire to be a blessing to each of you that have blessed us as we co-labor for Jesus Christ, our King of kings! Please, I beg your prayers for traveling mercies. It is the first time I will be driving a rental car

by myself in Texas (I get so nervous even thinking to pump gas!)... **You are so good Father. You have helped me put together this trip! We also pray for the revising of the book of Galatians by Bard Pillette upon my return, and the Hispanic Family Camp mid September. Please, bring each speaker safely from Mexico and cause us all to grow to be more like Christ.**

In the powerful name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

Love in Him,

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