



Summer News 2019

Dear Churches in Christ,

We greet you again in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom we give thanks for His infinite mercy, love and willingness to give His life on the cross for our sins, to Him be glory forever. It is a joy and pleasure to share a little of what has happened this summer. In June, Monica Sernatinger, our collaborator in the Eugene church, organized a mini-camp for girls from the 5 churches established in the state of Oregon. We thank the Lord that around 30 young people were able to come and learn about how we can defeat our giants using the life of King David as an example. The teachings were given by Arlene Norris and encouraged the young women to trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, who has defeated our greatest giant, which is death. Thank you to all who participated so that this camp could be carried out and we pray that they can take what they have learned and apply it in their lives.



Young girls during teachings

This year we had the opportunity again to host the leaders meeting in Eugene. It was a very pleasant time that we spent in fellowship with several brothers who work as elders, deacons and those who are prospects to become future leaders in each of the respective churches. We continue to ask for your prayers so that the Lord sustains the current leaders and also that in the future, He will raise those whom He will choose and enable to function and collaborate with us to serve the Lord taking care of His work.



Elders and Deacons meeting 2019

This summer we also had the opportunity to go to Mexico, mainly to

have a thanksgiving service to celebrate the 50th anniversary of my parents (Alejandro and Ana María). We thank God for the opportunity He gave us to reunite everyone as a family together with the church in Irapuato where my parents have served for over thirty years. We thank God for the life and testimony of our parents and for the opportunity God gave us to be able to honor them in life (Ephesians 6: 2-3).



Also, while in Mexico, we had the opportunity to take our daughter Pamela to camp Berea for a young adults camp. I had the privilege of participating with one of the teachings this year where the theme was about "Missions." Who would have thought one day that I would become a "missionary" together with my family! As the apostle Paul said: I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful, putting me in the ministry 1 Timothy 1:12.

We thank the Lord for having us in the ministry, we are not worthy but thank God for His mercy.

Pray that the teachings received by more than seventy young people will provoke in them that disposition which we often do not have to serve Christ in the mission field.

Luke 10: 2 And he said to them, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few; pray, therefore, to the Lord of the harvest to send workers to His harvest.



Berean Youth Camp 2019

We also had the opportunity to visit my wife Adriana's family. As many of you know, none of her family has come to believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a fairly large family and, like many of us in the past, they live under the deception of religiosity, something that makes them immune to the true gospel. As always, there were opportunities to proclaim the gospel and testify with our lives of what Jesus Christ has done for us. I think they can see the difference but the deceiver has blinded their understanding so that they cannot see the radiance of the glory of Christ that is the image of God 2 Cor. 4: 4.

We ask for your prayers so that in every opportunity that we have we can continue to insist on the importance of having a true personal relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ. May the light of Christ shine in their hearts so that they may know the true God.



Family Camp

Every year in September, we have a family camp in which believers from the five churches established here in Oregon participate. This year we were able to count on the participation of two brothers in the faith who came from Mexico along with their families, Salvador Padilla (one of the elders of the church in Irapuato Guanajuato) and Cabe Pillette (Missionary in the city of Pátzcuaro Michoacan). We give thanks to God for the edifying teachings that we received from Hebrews 11 and John 15 and above all, for the testimony of what we can see the Lord is doing in their own lives and in that of their families. That makes any teaching have a practical and not only academic impact on people's lives, thank you very much.

This year in particular was also extra special as we had the opportunity to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Bard and Pamela Pillette. Through all these years, they have served Christ as missionaries in several countries but mainly in Mexico, establishing several churches there and for the past twenty-five years they have been serving in the state of Oregon continuing the great commission primarily among Hispanics in U.S. It would be difficult for me to know how many souls have been reached and impacted by their testimony for Christ, including mine. For many of us, they exemplify what it is to "live life for Christ." Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord!



Family Camp 2019



Bard and Pam's 50th anniversary

Biblical Studies

We continue to have basic theology studies on Wednesdays with some of the men in the church. In these studies, I have assigned the responsibility of leading a section to each of the men and it is encouraging to see how they have responded to this. The women are studying the book Interior Design with Adriana and Monica on Thursdays, this is a group of around 15 women who have been learning about the role God has given them as women. The youth continue to study the letter to the Ephesians on Fridays and we thank God for this small group of young people who have shown faithfulness. Pray that they continue and that they can also share with other young people about our Savior Jesus Christ. Finally, we continue with our study in the book of Acts with the men, where I have also shared the responsibility of leading those studies among those who continue to show faithfulness to serve Christ. We ask for your prayers so that everything we are learning will bear fruit in the lives of all of us, so that we can faithfully reflect the work of Christ in our lives.



We would like to ask you to join us to continue praying that our Lord Jesus Christ awaken the interest of unbelievers here in Oregon and for us believers to continue being faithful to the call that has been made to take the gospel to all people. Thank you all for your continued support throughout all these years and let us continue to work hard until the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Tim 4:10 Because of this we work and strive, because we have placed our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially believers.



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