

CCLA Missionary Moments

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“Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and [then] comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.” John 4:34-36

It's now a new year, and the Lord has not taken us out of here, so we still have work to do, things to learn. I pray this year that we all become more intense in our love for God, in our desire to be changed more into His image, and to have the things that break His heart break ours. No matter if Jesus returns for His church in 20 minutes or 20 years, we ourselves have limited time here to accomplish all He has for us. May we totally give ourselves over to the Holy Spirit in all areas of our lives. May we all become intense pray-ers. May we all look more like our Bridegroom this time next year.

"And people who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives... and when the bubble has burst they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted." Nate Saint

.FROM CINDY PESINA, TIJUANA, MEXICO

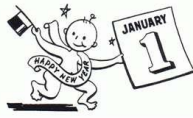
About two thousand years ago, in a town of Nazareth, there lived a young woman named Mary. She was engaged to be married. One day an angel appeared before her and told her she had been chosen to have a special baby who would be God's Son and she must call Him Jesus. We have all heard the story so many times. You might believe that this Jesus is the Son of God and died because God loved you so much. But has this belief changed your life? Do you live differently because Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior? My life changed drastically when I realized that I could have an intimate relationship with God because of this nice little Christmas story. I hope and pray that you give your life to The One who can make you happy forever!

Rain and Roofs- Jose Luis wears many hats as pastor, father, husband, and contractor. The church roof leaked fiercely and is still only partially fixed. It needs rolls and rolls of tarpaper and gravel. The Movement church made hundreds of sandwiches as the water poured on their heads. They even put up a sun shade on the roof and tried to repair it in the rain. Thank you servants of God! Meanwhile, the clowns performed below and showed how Batman, Spiderman and others cannot save you from sin-only Jesus can. Many children prayed to receive Christ, and spiritual breakthrough was evident after this powerful presentation.

Meet Lucia and Taquito- our newest members of CC Vista del Valle. Lucia (a grandma) is living at the church full time and heading up the feeding program. Taquito is her companion, friend, and church watchdog (a chihuahua). Please keep them in your prayers. Also, there is an enemy that is not happy about people changing their lives and walking with Jesus at CCVDV. Another mom and kids were rescued from an abusive home, there are two new adult believers at the church, one man and one woman, the Bible studies are well attended and God is moving. Javier is learning English and even starting to speak a little! Christopher is now in the worship band at our church!



Lucia, caretaker extraordinaire



Vision A orphanage has been blessed with a new touch screen computer, money for their tamale Christmas party, and 7 mattresses from a cruise ship. Vision B orphanage is receiving a Christmas party at Peter Piper Pizza arcade and a Nintendo Wii for the kids!

Last month, I wrote to you about FAITH and how God was increasing my faith through stretching us. After passing various trials I would like to share some praise reports with you! Answers to the prayer requests!

1. The church has a new worship leader named Brian! He is only 16 years old but reminds me of a shepherd boy doing a man's job and his first week was awesome!
2. CCVDV received the blessing of a 1990 Dodge Ram 15 passenger van from Calvary Chapel Rosarito to transport the ministry team every Sunday from Rosarito to VDV. The van has now been imported, insured, and has Mexican plates which cost \$1200 but is now legal for Mexicans and Americans to drive.
3. Our insurance company, Qualitas, totaled the Toyota Echo but is paying a decent price which allowed us to purchase a '92 Toyota pickup for Jose Luis to commute to VDV. He is spending Thursday nights there so as not to drive at night.
4. DIF (Child and Family Development) has approved our lunch kitchen and we are able to purchase 40 balanced meals per day at a cost of about 30 cents a meal. There are currently 40 kids and a few moms attending daily. We will purchase additional food if needed, to not turn anyone away. Jose Luis teaches the children on Thursdays and Fridays. Genesis 47:12 states "Joseph also provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their children". We believe the Lord will provide for the number of children who need lunch and the Word of God. Let us know if you would like more information.



Brian, 16 year old worship leader

It was 5:25 PM Sunday evening and time to start the service. I looked down the street and a bunch of kids were running my way with adults following! They were all coming to the service! We had 24 adults and 29 kids and no free food, etc. This was the fruit of the teams that came to serve with us in October. People want to join in what God is doing! They see something different at CCVDV. One woman in our Bible study was involved in an abusive relationship.

Let's say her name is Maria. Maria made the decision to follow God and took her two children and left her partner to live at a Christian home for women and children of abuse. I thought her partner would try to blame us. He is not the father of the children. This man came humbly to Jose Luis for counseling and direction and is now regularly at the Bible study and services. He too is trying to change his life and follow God!

Miracles do happen!

Prayer requests:

Finances for the feeding program

Wisdom for Jose Luis in dealing with the needs of the congregation

Growth in their relationship with Jesus

Personal time for our family

Does your church have a heart for missions?

Pray with us for more partners in this church plant!

Thank you for the part you play in this ministry.

Thank you for those who give sacrificially.

Thank you for your prayers. Don't

you just love seeing how God is answering?

Humbly in Him,

The Pesina Family

From Pastor Tommy Ruiz, E3
Missions in Japan

Pastor Tommy and family traveled back to the states for Christmas and the Missions conference here in January, but on their way, they had a stopover in China! Don't forget that Pastor Tommy will be speaking at church on January 1.

At the Shanghai airport



It was a good time hangin in Shanghai for 22 hours. It seems like we saw a lot. Thank you Keisuke for taking the time to come and show us your city. Thank you for the blessings! Now it is time to fly to California. To Go be the Glory!

Yummy breakfast



We ate a good Shanghai breakfast in China. The hotel offered traditional Chinese dishes. Delicious!



Communist Christmas



I am absolutely shocked! This is a Communist country but they celebrate Christmas more than in Japan. They don't celebrate Jesus, but more the money making aspect. The city was decorated beautifully.

Departed Dictator



It is interesting that the Chinese Newspaper writes on the front page "A Friend's Departure". The sad thing is that the people of North Korea have suffered by the hands of a cruel dictator. The people in South Korea live in plenty with an abundance of food and a healthy lifestyle. In the North the people are frail and small in stature because of lack of nutrition just because of this Man's arrogance. Interesting; South Korea is a nation that honors God but the North has denied God. Please pray for Kim Jong II' son, who has taken over. May his son come to know Jesus Christ.

From Pastor Brian, Port au Prince, Haiti, Cross to Light

We have been so blessed and humbled to see the Lord use us to help plant four new churches that our students are now teaching people through the bible at. They provide bible teaching and worship. Many people that have come out on a mission trip have helped build walls, stages, benches, fortifications and helped at the services, distributed home-made bread, prayed over and anointed people with oil. It's amazing to see what Jesus is doing through His bride.

Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord..."

Recently, Leo, one of our students, has been teaching a small group of neighbors through the bible. This group used to meet to have voodoo ceremonies. The bible teachings are new to them and they are coming to the Lord left and right. The leader is very happy Leo is giving them this teaching. Leo was taking them through Matthew and the Sermon on the Mount about marriage. The congregation was so convicted that many of them came up to him afterwards and said that they need to be married right away. There are many who live together and have children together but are not married. Leo said that he would work on getting everything ready to give them a marriage ceremony. They insisted that it needs to be very soon. He asked the brides to be if they have a dress. They said, "no". The day this happened we had a team come in from Canada. They had felt led by the Lord to pack items for a wedding; a wedding dress, bridesmaid dresses and other marriage ceremony items. The couples were married. God is the most amazing orchestrator. Only He can make these sort of divine arrangements.



Medical Outreach

A doctor came out with a team from Orange County. He brought a couple of suitcases of medical supplies. The doctor and the support team had a clinic outreach almost every day. Hundreds of people were seen, treated, prayed for and anointed with oil. After a two week visit the supplies the doctor had brought were still not depleted. Considering the amount of people that were treated versus the supplies that were made – this is a total miracle. On one of the last days a man came up and asked for a knee brace. The doctor said that he was sorry he did not bring one but that he would check his supply case just in case. Guess what was in the case? A knee brace! Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Jesus Film - We have been graciously donated equipment that has enabled us to take the Jesus Film out into the tent cities of Port au Prince, Haiti. Here's a praise report from a recent showing, "So many people got saved! The net was breaking. The sound system was amazing. We played it into the field. Everyone in the tent city hears it even if they are not there."

**Shalom,
Pastor Brian**

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