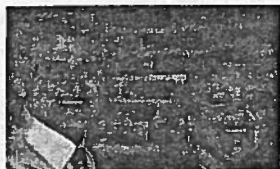


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Activities: Sep. - Dec.

- Doing God's will is the most wonderful experience that anyone can have and we thank the Lord for the privilege that He has granted us. It is not a pretty town but we are happy that we are here because we know that at this present moment we are doing His will. We believe that every month that passes the Lord shows his mercy toward the people of Tantoyuca in that some begin to notice the power of God in their lives.
- We are helping a young man to be rehabilitated from an accident he had. He is paralyzed from the waist down and every two weeks we take him to another town for rehab and from the time we pick him up to the time we come back to our house is 8 hours. Even though he is a member of another church we are helping anyway.
- Another thing that's happening is that we are attracting drunkards. Almost every service we have one or two that come and all they do is interrupt the service and I have to deal with it. There is one in particular that lives across the street that I have been witnessing to. He has a wife and two kids. I am visiting him every night to see if the kids had something to eat and to provide for a little coffee and bread. I think that we are getting some results in his life. Pray for him, his name is Beto. Another one of these men lives on top of the hill and he stole my shoes, his name is Tomas, and I had to go to the house barefoot. My wife got mad at me, and there was a family dispute. Thank God every thing is ok now.

- Another thing that's happening concerns funerals. We have had two and in both I had to carry the coffin because none of the relatives wanted to do that. They think that the one carrying the coffin is the next in line to die, so you never know what the preacher has to do. There were close to ten people who accepted Christ, however they don't want to leave their religion.

Strategies

- I had to suspend the violin classes because of the many travels I have, and due to the Saturday morning Bible club my wife directs, I am not able to play soccer. For now these two activities are on stand by. We are still going to the hospital to pray for the sick and to be there present for what ever needs they might have..
- These next four months we are going to see the work in a different perspective:
 - ⇒ Preach the Gospel
 - ⇒ Feed the hungry
 - ⇒ Give comfort to the needy
 - ⇒ Help them in their personal lives
 - ⇒ Pray for the sick
 - ⇒ Disciple the new believers
 - ⇒ Train leaders

Opportunities

- During the month of December we had our first annual Christmas celebration. We had planned for 50 and 95 showed up. We think that this was because we gave supper. Some came just for the food. We had visitors from two other churches as well as a small group from our neighborhood that came and there was one profession of faith.
- One thing I am grateful now is that the Lord brought a man with experience and Baptist doctrine who is willing to preach. He is Deme-trio, and I am teaching him in an orderly fashion so that he can learn the way in which I manage the ministry.

Pray for us as we endeavor to reach this town for Christ. The opportunities are many and the laborers are few.

Leadership corner

Up is not an easy direction. It defies gravity, both cultural and magnetic.

Mike Abrasshoff

Bible verse

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence and his children shall have a place of refuge.

Prov. 14:26

In the service of the master


Juan Gonzalez