

Feed My Lambs International

Dear loved ones,

Minnie worked so hard to prepare for our Christmas Eve Service in Los Canelos. It was the last of 4 events we were part of this Christmas. As I snapped this photo I thought about the Christmas poem; *And the stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that...* Well, you probably know the rest. But we were not waiting for some fairytale ending. We were waiting for something that is all too real for too many. We waited to cast the Precious Seed upon our little community. Then, we waited. As mentioned last letter, that seemed to be the theme of 2019.

We waited as our starting time came and went, I was ready to preach. The program, with it's message, was ready. The stage was set so to speak. Just a few souls came, four to be exact. I started to feel bad for Minnie, she really poured her heart into the preparations this Christmas, especially for the service at our home community. We started...and people kept coming! Our little church, and our hearts, were filled. The mayor of our little town, our dear friend Juany, came up to Minnie crying tears of gratitude and joy. "Thank you for all you do for our community." she said.

The Gospel was preached, the piñata was beaten, the tamales were good. There was much to be thankful for this Christmas season. Here are some of my favorite moments; See above! What a beautiful night it was. Another moment came before service. It was a surprise visit by a young lady named Carlita. I've known her since she was two! She grew up in our camps and just stopped by to let us know she is opening up a new mission. We were able to give her some Bibles and blankets! Another visit came from another young brother and sister. We've known them all their lives and now they are worship leaders. They came to see if they could have a camp at our facility, just 120 or so!

In Berlanga Garcia, we had a nice service. Rita's story touches my heart. She brings us tacos when we come. That wasn't the case years ago. She always looked at me very suspiciously when we came, a natural reaction when belief systems are challenged. For years she had the same look, but kept listening. Rita has now received Christ as her personal Saviour and Lord! And we receive tacos!

Over the holiday season our ministry hosted a teen conference, a marriage retreat, and is now hosting a group of pastors praying and fasting for 3 days. It was a great way to end the year and a special way to start the new one! As one group was leaving, a young woman came up to thank me. "You have no idea how much this place has blessed my life." she said with tears. Thank God.

It's the simple moments that bless my heart. One of those came after all the services were done, the programs finished. I saw a young teen that did a great job in her participation. I simply let her know what I thought, complimenting her. Her face lit up, pardon the pun, like a Christmas tree! A simple word of encouragement. Let's be generous in 2020. With our words, our time, our resources. Let's be Christ-like and let's be fruitful and blessed. Happy New Year!

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*There is one who scatters, yet increases more;
And there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty.
The generous soul will be made rich,
And he who waters will be watered himself.* **-Proverbs 11:24-25**



Praise report/ prayer requests:

Thank you for the many Christmas cards and letters.
Thank you for remembering us!

We had a nice crowd per usual in Hormiguero! (above pic)
And another piñata took a beating in Berlanga Garcia...
We were able to give away 200 food bags along with several hundred gift bags for kids this year in our outreach efforts.

That our path remain straight.

For the land purchase. The process crawls along... and we wait.

This week, Minnie, Sophia, and our niece Becky are helping once again at the children's home in Sabinas Hidalgo. Minnie loves this kind of work!

In Cuernavaca construction continues, I know my brother-in-law must be tired of working on that roof! But it is coming (pictured left). We have money for the roof. By God's grace, we'll have it poured by next letter! Then the floors will need to be poured, exterior walls will need to go up...Please be praying for funds to continue coming in for this special project. The goal is to begin receiving kids by the end of the year! We need to be ready for a group coming in June to build interior walls.



February 9th Preaching at Towerpoint Resort in Mesa, AZ

I'll close by sharing two of my favorite pics, lessons from Sophia and Jocelyn...
Remember to enjoy your corn and to share in 2020! God bless you all.

