

Dear loved ones,

Wait for it. Wait for it.... CAMP! We fired up the bonfire once again so to speak. Kids kept asking when, and now we can look back at another blessed time here at our ministry center. Seemed like it had been a long time coming and parents kept telling us about their kids' excitement and anticipation.

Asking when is such a normal part of our nature. The disciples had that one last question before Jesus' ascent (Acts 1:6). We want to know when and certainly the land deal at our center coming to a close comes to my mind as we continue waiting and working toward it. The theme was mentioned in the last two January letters. When will You come again Lord? When will violence and injustice end? When will all be made new?

I'm starting to grasp the answer. I'm a slow learner sometimes, easily distracted. Soon. Soon is the answer. Christmas comes soon, birthdays come soon. Sophia was barely finishing Christmas while asking about her next birthday! Kids are already asking for the next camp. Other groups are asking us to come to their region as well. Camp comes soon, trips comes soon. Answers are coming soon.

Life will fly by and is flying by... soon.

Upon asking the Berea students that helped us over camp, what was their favorite part of kids camp, their reply was the same. Bible Quizzing. They loved to see the kids learning the Word of God. Those were some of my favorite moments as well as we taught children John 3:16 and several other verses about the reason to celebrate the Christmas season.

Let's use 2022 wisely and love fervently, because "All flesh is like grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers and its flower falls away, but the word of the LORD endures forever." -1 Peter 1:24-25

And let's enjoy the flowers and smiles along the way as well.







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## Praise report/ prayer requests:

Jesus is the vaccine for all that truly threatens.

In Cuernavaca, little Tony is back!

If I ever have a moment's doubt about if an effort is worthwhile, I'll watch the brief video one of my nieces made of the reunion at our Children's Home in Cuernavaca.

¡Papá! screamed Tony in joy as he ran to Pastor Chayo's

waiting arms. When Tony first arrived at the Home, he was very afraid of men. After comforting and protecting him for those first months, Tony came to call Pastor Chayo "Papá."

What a powerful moment for all of us, the most beautiful moment I've ever seen

captured on video. The Seed of love has been forever planted in that little boy. Betty now has begun an after school program (pictured left) for the children

nearby and has a special outreach planned this week to the community.

And we wait for the next children to be sent. Coming soon! Chayo continues to pastor and lead efforts in the deep SW as well. Retaining walls are underway on the new lands.

January 12th-26th we are planning to go down to Cuernavaca and to the SW in Tierra Blanca and Huixtepec area of Guerrero.

February and well into March look very busy as well. Please pray for the group from East Lincoln in Amery, WI as we, and they, prepare for their upcoming visit. I'm also going to preach in Arizona on February 20th and may do some more ministry trav-

el and visiting in February.

We've been hosting group after group lately. Maintenance and improvements never end, and I was very thankful for the help of my friend Tom's visit. I ran him hard on some plumbing projects and we took on one that went well into the evening the night before he left.

Sorry about that one buddy! (pictured left)

And as we head into this new year at full blast, we are very thankful for all

of your support. We'll conclude this letter by mentioning the thanks from one woman pictured right. Her and her husband have battled his mental illness for many years now. "We come to all of the events we can here; they are such a blessing. I pray for you and Minnie and the continued growth of your ministry." It was a Merry Christmas at Jesus Lives! Minnie and the students put in so much preparation. (pictured upper right) The church was full

and soon the service, and the

year, was past.

"Surely I am coming quickly."









