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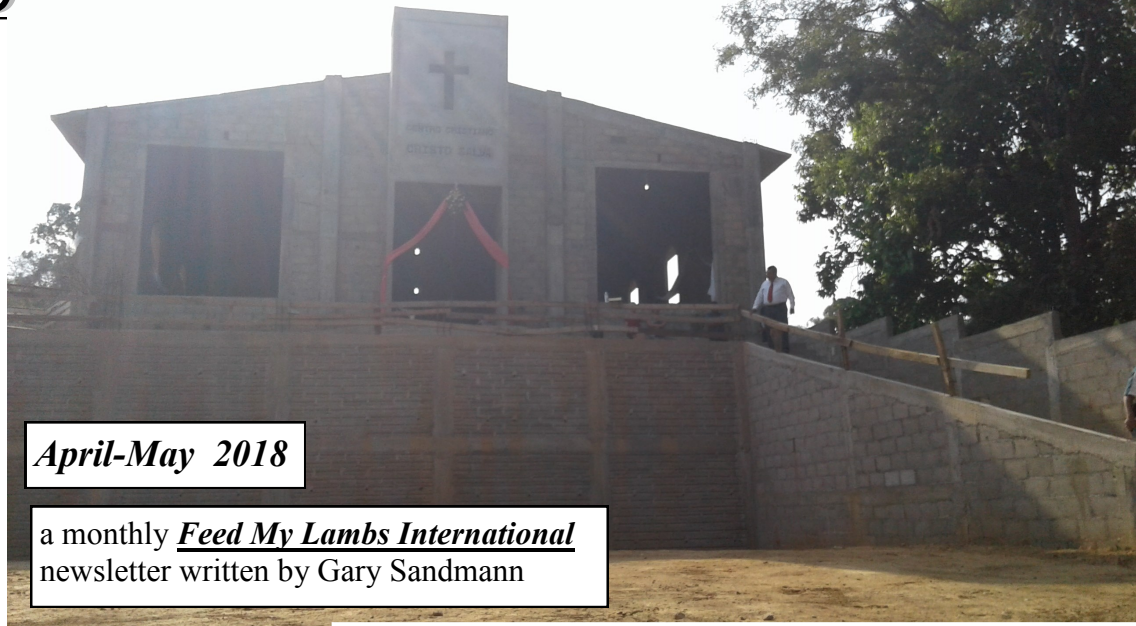
Dear loved ones,

God's still looking. He is looking for those who will believe that through Him, all things are possible. That's why I've been featuring this beautiful act of faith in Huixtepec, Guerrero. We made the 24 hour trek down from our ministry center for 4 days of events, 4 days of celebrating God's faithfulness and goodness toward our brethren in the midst of the tremendous trials in the region and state of Guerrero over the years. We celebrated the 3rd anniversary of the 1st ever evangelical church in Tierra Blanca (pictured back of page). We also celebrated the 2nd anniversary of the new church in the La Concepción, the one that was devastated and destroyed by an earthquake in 2012 (pictured back of page). Pictured here is the act of faith that led to this Inauguration celebration in Huixtepec (pictured right). The day after the Inauguration was the 1st wedding hosted by the beautiful facility. The wedding in Huixtepec.

As we were preparing to come down, the schedule called for me to preach at two of these events. The wedding in Huixtepec, and the Anniversary in La Concepción. That suited me just fine, as the drive was long and the trip followed a lot of ministry around Easter and preparation leading into camp, not to mention camp of course. But schedules change a lot in Mexico, and I was asked to preach in all of the events. I was asked to preach at the Inauguration about an hour before I would step up in front of the community to deliver the message!

All of these victories are so closely linked to each other, and I'd been thinking on a theme, and wrote down some notes (I've learned how schedules change in Mexico). It was truly an awesome event and ceremony and I spoke on the story of David and Goliath, and that there in Huixtepec, there is evidence that a giant has fallen with one act of faith. One act of faith, and we were all standing in that great facility celebrating God's faithfulness and power. It was evidence of past victories fought and won. Evidence of our living God that all around could plainly see. The enemy wanted only an empty, overgrown hillside doing nothing more. One step of faith, one launched stone against the enemy resulted in one victory after another. And there is many to come.

One that already came and went was the wedding the next day!



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I met with Rocio and Wilian in January. Although they were already recently married by the civil court, Rocio expressed to me their desire to have a church wedding, but that they could not afford to do it. They live in a tarp house on the side of a hill. I let them know that their powerful testimony would speak to all that came to their wedding and that many would like to help them, including us. I listed reasons why I thought that they should and could have a beautiful wedding with God's help. Rocio is Pastor Maurilio's daughter, and she exercised her own measure of faith. Even more people came for the wedding! They all heard about God's purpose for marriage and their need for Jesus Christ.



Pictured left is the 1st outdoor service we held in Tierra Blanca some 6 years ago. Since then we have seen the 1st ever evangelical church rise up there. Pictured right is the beautiful church just before the 3rd anniversary celebration. That's my mom pictured. We were the only ones on time! The brethren filed in and we had a wonderful celebration. They have been through many trials already. We were able to encourage them, and God did a healing work there in our hosting community. They've been hurt a lot, we brought salve. One of my favorite moments from this trip was a restored friendship. Two men came to me weeping, with their arms around each other's shoulders. Please pray for us brother, we want to forgive each other. One of those men came to me in January. He told me that he had a dream that his brother, Pastor Pedro in Tierra Blanca, and I were praying for him and that he needs to repent. He did! The difference in his life from January to April is marked and we continue to see fruit from our efforts to care and connect in Christ. We are in the people's hearts and thoughts, even to the dreams!

Pictured to the right is the street service we did in La Concepción (La Concha) back in 2012 just after their church was destroyed by earthquake. The ruins are on the right side of the street. We were able to encourage Pastor Maurilio on that trip. He was so down. "My life was in pieces." he told me later. We let him know that he was not alone. Those efforts led to these victories! The picture of the new church below right doesn't really do it justice.



The 2nd anniversary of the new, improved rebuilt church was a great celebration. The care the brethren showed in all the details and decorations was so evident. There were 3 main courses to eat afterwards, so much effort. It was especially impressive to me given that this celebration was the last of the four events of the trip. They were tired from the other events and all the travel and prep. It was a special time with the little church, and I let them know how impressed I was. Before David killed Goliath, he learned a lot about being faithful to the Lord in his work as a pastor tending sheep in the fields. It was in those fields that he confronted the lion and the bear. I let the brethren know that it was here that they confronted the lion and the bear, and that without these critical lessons and victories, the stone of faith would never have been thrown in Huixtepec.





July 17



September 17



CAMP '18 !!!

**Praise reports
Prayer requests/ upcoming events:**

The kids just love the new play area. So many helped to make it a reality, from the golf tournament last fall, the visit to AZ...a lot of effort went in and we were finishing it up the evening before camp! Special thanks to Brother Rod and his Christian Carpentry Ministries. As always Rod, your help was a big blessing.

Thanks to Mary, Maudi and Randy for their visit from Minnesota and all your help with the camp. You are very good with the water guns! One of my favorite moments in camp came when I asked the kids who'd like to give "Grandma Mary" a hug. She didn't know what was coming! (pictured below middle) Kids need safe places to express and receive love.

My favorite moment in camp camp came when 10-year-old Edith won top camper. I let her know that I thought she was doing good and that if she memorized the rest of the camp texts that I thought it could make a big difference. She did and it did. She did the work, the only camper that memorized all the texts. Her bonus points took her team from 4th to first place and she won top camper. Her joy was so beautiful, she wept and wept for joy of the victory she couldn't believe was hers. (pictured right middle)

I just knew kids would like to roll their friends down a hill in a barrel for part of the relay! (pictured lowest middle)

We thank God for many victories this past couple months and for His watch care over all our travels and events, and for the souls that recognized their need for the Savior.

Teaching in Berea May-June

**Teen Camp prep for July 9-11th
Another camp August 5-10th for
Sabinas Children's Home**

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*Love from Gary and Minnie
and all your family in Mexico.*

Truly, the best is yet to come.