

Dear loved ones,

It was an excellent camp. Libny was excited to be part of leading her team, and these leaders made for a great camp. We had Alejandra surprise us by coming to lead worship (I mentioned her last letter), many Berea Bible students came to help us prep for camp and lead teams. Minnie and I are pictured with students Cesar, Wendy, and Debora (lower left). We had a good laugh after camp with Debora and Wendy about making 12 bed bases the day before camp. They didn't expect woodworking to be part of their work! We had several pastors and church leaders help, including Pastor Jorge leading the sports activities. He did a great job team building with 3-legged soccer and team jump rope etc... (pics on back). Pastor Mario came and filled in where needed, which included helping with a nasty septic back-up. As we cleared it together, we laughed at the "ministry" of the morning. I would preach later that evening. It was quite a contrast!

And speaking of contrast..."Cupcake Grandma (Mary)" came down from Minnesota to love on the kids, and so did our dear friends Joey and Natalie. The teamwork, altar calls, and unity in the camp all stood out to us as we reflect back on this work.

Our ministry is family building on so many levels and I haven't seen it quite as clearly as I see it now, after this camp. There is now many years of history, love, and compassion for one another. Joey pointed out that there is now 20 years of history between him and me. Camp history. Life history. Beautiful history that really began at that altar call way back at Camp Dellwater in 2002. No one could have imagined what would happen as that then very young teen and his camp counselor got up off our knees after that tremendous moment together.







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We were a big family reunion for four days and three nights. Most of the family showed up a day early! Stressor! Imagine a small dinner party showing up at your home an hour early, now multiply it by 20! Joey always jokes with me about how much he loves camp. He jokes because he knows what a tremendous fight it is for me to continue to lead them. But given the context and the history and all the beauty we have seen...I love

camp too. It's just always nice to be done with another one (insert smiley face here).

Although another camp is finished, it's the camp theme and texts that continue to resonate with me most of all. *Glorious life, glorious entrance!* was the theme taken from **2 Peter 1:11**. We studied what was on Peter's mind as he awaited his impending torturous death. Our opportunity to grow and reflect our Lord Jesus was foremost on his mind as he opens the letter. To those of us who have obtained like precious faith by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ he writes:

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to <u>life</u> and <u>godliness</u> ! (Underlines and exclamation point added by yours truly.) And he continues to explain what this life looks like and how it is lived out. I think the tendency would be to stop the verse in our minds after he starts with the grace and peace be multiplied to you part. Ahhh, that sounds good. However, he is asking that they be multiplied in order that we grow in Christlikeness. That we live out this life without excuse, having been given all that we need to do so. Peter certainly reflected the preaching. We can live a glorious life! And, I might add, it is not only our opportunity, but also our responsibility to do so if we claim Christ, meeting the criteria explained in Verse 1 by God's grace. Peter goes on in Verse 10 to implore us to be diligent to make our call and election sure by living out our faith as he explained in Verse 5-8 so that we never stumble;

for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. -2 Peter 1:11

Ahhh, that's even better! And that was our camp theme Verse. Grace and peace to grow. Grace and peace for a glorious entrance.

> but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

And thus Peter closes his glorious life and letter,

and shortly thereafter goes to his execution.

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Praise report/ prayer requests: Jesus is the vaccine for all that truly threatens.

Remember Aramberri? (pic below from last May) We helped build the little church last year, It was the dying wish of the Pastor. They just celebrated 1 year! And they are working hard advancing the work...



May 7th Wedding in Cuernavaca Minnie, Sophia and I will be heading to Cuernavaca the first week of May to preach in Beto's wedding. He leads worship for Pastor Chayo's church. We plan to stay a couple weeks and then return to Monterrey for a...Mission with the Berea men. One of their alumni works an area that really needs a hand. We'll lend several!

It was nice to have our Good Friday service once again. We leaned on the Berea students for most of the 7 messages that day. The next day was a 15th birthday celebration at our facility. A grandson of our former worship leaders Jose and Grace. Our facility continues to serve and bless so many. Thanks to all that continue striving forward with us!

In case you are wondering, the land process to buy at our facility continues on, slowly advancing. I'm looking forward to giving you the report from Cuernavaca, *Miracle of Life* and on this land in the next letter! God bless you all.

...and love from, Gary and Minnie and Sophia along with all your family in Mexico.