

# Feed My Lambs International

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Dear loved ones,

Estrella graduated (she was pictured last month). She commented to Minnie that she would not have been at Berea if it were not for Minnie's encouragement. That would be wonderful and powerful enough, but there is a backdrop to the victory. Estrella's dad was killed by cartel just 3 years to the date of her graduation from the 2-year program. Minnie and I sat with his parents and widowed wife at the graduation celebration. I didn't know the rest of the story when I was teaching classes to Estrella and her classmates, but one day we stopped class to pray for her. Now I know why. Estrella (her name means Star in English) appropriately has such a bright smile and countenance, you would never guess that she could have so much going on behind them. After such a busy month, it is this story that I am surprised to think of first. If we do not slow down, we cannot stop. Listen. And learn. Pictured here is another one of my students receiving her diploma, I wonder what is behind Elisana's beautiful smile. Maybe next semester I'll learn more while I teach.

As I'm reflecting upon the camps we ran this past month or so, it is not a camper that comes to mind, it is an adult. He came to me for prayer after service one evening. This former pastor asked me and another leader for prayer. "I've left Christ, and I need to come back," he stated. As we prayed, he wept in our arms. This dear brother was being restored at the camp. As I stated last month, it is easy to get disorientated on this way home. He may have strayed, but Jesus Christ very obviously did not leave him. I feel so honored that this man came to me after service. He found me approachable. Of course he had to stop me. And I had to listen. I couldn't help but notice that he didn't run too far away if he found himself at one of our camps! Reminds me of when I was about 5 and decided to run away from home. I packed up a couple of peanut butter sandwiches and made it clear out to the fort my dad built about 80' from the front door! I suppose Jonah felt like he ran away pretty far too. *Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. -Galatians 6:1-2*

One of the most powerful images I saw at our teen camp was a young man carrying his brother down to the cabin for bed so he could be with the rest of the boys. His brother cannot walk without aid. We all need to be helped up or carried at times don't we.





Praise reports  
Prayer requests/  
upcoming events:

In Hormiguero, the lot we found for sale that is right next door to our worship leader Carlos and his family does not have clear rights. Please pray for us as we need to make some important decisions and commitments regarding our ministry to the local communities we serve.

September 1st Speaking at the Al-Anon Club in River Falls, WI

September 2nd Preaching at First Baptist in Falun, WI 10:45am

September 9th Preaching at East Lincoln Alliance in Amery, WI

September 9th Speaking at 6:30pm at First Baptist Church in Barron, WI

September 11th Speaking Tuesday evening at First Presbyterian in Slayton, MN

We'd like to thank Pastor Al and Sandy and all the group from the Detroit Lakes, MN region that came down to give a camp to the Sabinas Hidalgo Children's home. (group pictured below with us and our interpreters for the week) What a time it was! And what a beautiful effort of coordination and cooperation. The leadership at the home were with us all week and were absolutely thrilled with the camp. So much went into this effort, and so much was taken out. Hey Al, I think you are the oldest camper to ever win the Spirit Stick!

20 years have passed since God called me out of darkness. I want to miss less as I continue on my journey home. There is so much more to learn about the power and love of God, I feel that maybe I've only scratched the surface. That's exciting, and frightening to be honest. The whole command of God is all about relationships with Him and others. What will God have to show for His investment in His relationship with in me? He gave everything for me. How could He do that?

Will I stop? Listen? Learn?

We hosted a men's conference last month and they invited me to preach as well. I spoke of life consisting of only two things; time and testimony. And one of those is quickly fading away. What will the testimony of your life be? That is the only thing we will leave behind, and the only thing that can hold value eternally. I suppose I only mention it because it is easy to get disorientated on this way home. Thank you Jesus, for giving everything for us.

*So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

*-Psalm 90:12*

I remember when I literally counted them. I remember 9 days, 28, 63 vividly. 90, 120, 1 year of sobriety. These are still the greatest victories of my life. God bless you all, and thanks to all of you that have helped carry me along the Way. Let's keep going, because truly, the best is yet to come.



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

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Pictured here is a group of us trying to help one of our campers participate in Bible Quizzing. Chuy is mentally and physically challenged, but he very much wanted to be part of his team. As did we all. This picture really strikes me as you can see the care and concern for him on all of our faces. You can also see the joy in Chuy's face. Incidentally, "Chuy" is the nickname for someone named Jesus. Can you see Jesus here? It was a whole camp victory when Chuy got a question and scored 20 points for his team!

Here below is one of our championship teams! This represents a great victory for this Grandpa too! After years of trying, trying, trying to be patient and loving on my little grandson Elian and his big brother Gustavo, I'm seeing some fruit! Elian never seems to be paying attention, always distracting and distracted. Well, he stunned these grandparents by answering many questions in this camp, and asking some of his own! I don't want to overuse the word miracle, but it was close for us :) Elian is the little guy with the very satisfied look on his face, and his older brother's hand around his shoulder.



If you ever find yourself in a water balloon war and need to block your goal from being scored upon, this is an effective strategy. PS 1,200 water balloons had to die in this game!

Below is a baptism celebration held during one of our camps! 7 were baptized that afternoon, including Blanca. You may remember her from the Quiceañera we held for her a few months ago. Her parents attended, but have yet to come to Christ. Please pray for them, they have been touched by these special moments and seem open to learning more.



*"You've made a difference in so many families. My boys have grown up in your camps. One thousand thank yous!"  
-a mom*

*And thanks to all of you that support our lives and ministry in Mexico. God bless you. all.*