

HIMN December Newsletter 2019

12/7/2019 Christmas Evangelical event at Bellaire Home Depot/ Arthur Storey Park

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Luke 15:10 (NAS) "In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

If one repenting sinner can bring so much joy to the angels, imagine that they must had a big party last Saturday! We had around 20 migrant workers who came forward in response to the alter call for repentance! When Olvin made the call, I was hoping to see a hand or two.... but the hands just kept going up. Seeing so many people raising their hands, Paco made the quick decision to call them to step forward. And forward they came, they came forward with such urgency as if they were afraid to lose the salvation if they fell behind.

This was such an overwhelming sight to behold, and I struggled mightily to hold tears back from my eyes.

Just what made these people so eager to receive the salvation of Christ? Was it the eloquently delivered sermon, or the genuine love of brothers and sisters who prepared food and gifts for them? Or was it the beautiful worship music and songs that moved their hearts? Perhaps all the above helped, but in reality, only the Holy Spirit can change hearts in such dramatic fashion.

"How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?"

Romans 10:14 NASB

We shower them with love because we know God loves them like He loves us; we bring the truth of God to them because we know the truth has the power of salvation. We provide an opportunity for them to hear the gospel and have a taste of God's love, but only God can remove their hearts of stone and give them hearts of flesh; only God can make them want to believe. It is this faith that makes them raise their hands and leap forward to receive salvation; it is this faith in Christ that saves and gives them eternal hope.

What can we say other than praising God for His mighty power, not only in His reign, but even more so in His compassion and His sacrifice to save us and all these migrant workers?

This was a wonderful morning indeed. Not only because we witnessed the spiritual birth of so many new Christian brothers, but also in the way that we all contributed in our own ways- out of faith, realizing that we are all bodies of Christ, and we all function together as one body, with one mind, that is to fulfill the salvation plan of Jesus Christ.

What can we do other than to look to God in awe, and to praise Him, with our voice, our hearts, our minds, and our lives? How do we respond to God's love other than to love Him back with our hearts, our soul, our mind, and all of our strength?

More than twenty brothers and sisters from Fort Bend Community Church and South Houston Iglesias Church came to serve and we served more than 100 migrant workers. We prepared food, drinks, Christmas gifts, and brought clothing donated from our perspective congregations. While the material blessing were abundant, what they received spiritually was immeasurable.

God works in amazing ways! He brought these migrant workers all the way out of their homes countries, enduring all the pain and suffering along the way. While they were expecting to make better living, they receive something much better than that, which is the hope of eternal life. God also amazingly used us, who were also once foreigners, literally and spiritually, to bring salvation to these migrant workers.

Praise Him, my mighty King!

His servant, Kris





December 14, 2019 Christmas Evangelical Event at West Park

12/14/2019

We had an early start this morning. It was a special day, as we prepared for the Christmas presentation at Westpark, and we anticipated that it could be our largest gathering. Jeff's group provided clothes, gifts and food for an anticipated 100 day workers, or more. There were also musicians, as Carlos came from South Houston Bible Chapel with his guitar. Kris' son Lucas and Jeff's son Conley also brought their violins to accompany the singers. There were tracts and tickets to distribute to the workers for the gift raffle. We began serving coffee to the workers early, before Jeff prayed for the helpers and the presentation. Then Carlos sang a couple of traditional Spanish songs before the hymns started. Today's message, by Pastor Paco, was about the promises of God. Are you familiar with the promises of God? Paco started with the promises of God to Abraham and Sarah. The promises would have been impossible for anyone but God. He promised Abraham and Sarah a son in their old age.

Paco then talked about God's promises to Mary, which were even more astounding. She, a virgin, would have a son. No one could keep this promise but God.

Finally, Paco shifted to the day workers, and the promise that God makes to men. Men can say or promise anything, but they don't have the power to keep their promises. Men do not know what the next day will bring.

But God, who knows all things and is never surprised, promises eternal life to those who call on Him for forgiveness of sins. God keeps His promises - He has the power over life and death. He can do it.

We estimate that nearly 200 day workers came to the sharing event this Saturday, including several women and children - which never happens. All of them were fed, and none of them left empty-handed.

Moreover, some of them joined the body of Christ this morning. Their names are Carlos, Manuel Berrios, Laura Pérez, Isabela Chock, Dilia Ac, Ana Ico; please pray for all these new believers that they can find a church to attend and continue learning more about their Lord and Savior.

"But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King."

Jeremiah 10:10a NASB

Praise God for an amazing morning of worship and service ! He has shown us time and again that He is the true & living God; only He can change hearts of stone and humble the proud; and all these efforts, even giving up His own life, just to save us, all because of His loving-kindness & mercy toward us, everyone of us. Praise Him, my King, my God!

His servant, Kris



12/21/2019 Christmas event at Woodridge Home Depot

We had an early start this Saturday, several brothers and sisters of the Church of South Houston arrived at 8:00 AM, including Henry, Olvin and his wife Anita, Marina & Rosa, Raymundo, Alfredo, Chel and my family.

It was a very cold morning. But despite this, around 60 or 70 workers received food, clothes, coffee, Bibles, and most importantly, the word of God. We started the event at around 8:30 AM. Diego prayed with the brothers and Olvin prayed with the workers to start the Christmas event. Then we sang 4 songs accompanied by Diego's guitar.

Henry preached the main sermon and afterwards Chel prayed for the workers. We distributed the food and continued with the raffle of jackets and clothes, everyone took something from God.

Three people repented and received salvation from Christ, their names are Omar, Ezra and Nehemiah.

Even in the cold of that morning God warmed the hearts with his love and mercy and quenched the thirst of those thirsty for forgiveness and peace.

“but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

John 4:14

May God bless His own words which were sown in the hearts of all those workers who heard it.

In the love of Christ, Paco Ramos



