

December 2024 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends,

Someone asked me outside of the church this past week:

“Hey, Victor! How are things at the church?”

“Very well, Thank God! How are you?”

“Good, good!”-he pointed at the window- “This is very nice! You guys have made it look nice. And... I see light and people coming in and out constantly! I am happy for you!”

“Thanks! We had an event last week and it went very well! When are you going to come?”

“No, I don’t think...” replied almost instantly and leaned closer, “I don’t really believe in anything anymore... it has been like that for a while now.”—looked at his watch—“ I have to go now. It was good to see you!”

“I would love to hear more about that. Perhaps over a coffee?” I asked

“Perhaps...” and walked hurriedly away.

This has been a very interesting year. We have invited a lot of people from Fraga to join us for different activities and many have replied similarly. However, we have also had the blessing to see many people accept the invitation and join us for an event, for a church service, for a bible study, and even for weekly prayer time. We have showed to those around us that Jesus cares about them and their eternity.

People have noticed—Fraga is a small town after all. People still stop in front of the church and peek inside. If we are there, sometimes they ask questions or make comments about the church.

While meeting another parent at school I mentioned that I was an Evangelical Christian:

“Oh, yeah? They put a church *or something* here, right? I’ve heard it is nice?” he said.

“Really? have you checked it out?” I asked. “Oh, no! I don’t even go to *mine*.” replied quickly.

For many around us, religion is not relevant anymore, but in rejecting the religion, they have

also rejected the relationship with a God who loves them and has done so much to show He cares for them.

In other people, we see a hunger for spiritual things, and a desire to believe, but also a caution and desire to see if it is *real*. We see a *need* to be convinced that *this* is the *right path* to God. Could you blame them for being cautious in this era? I pray they don't delay their searching too long.

Our interactions with both groups of people are very similar. We aim to show them Jesus and his work in our lives as an example of what He can do and be for them.

We are beyond blessed for the way God has worked through us this year. We are amazed at how God has brought together a body of believers and has given us a place of testimony to our community. Being able to point people to a *building* gives us, in their eyes, a sense of credibility that would have taken a lot of time to build.

We are so thankful for the many activities we have been able to do here (preaching, evangelism, meetings, games, classes, cookie decoration, conversations, discipleship, counseling, etc.) and look forward to many more in the years to come.

As I write these lines, we are getting things ready for some Christmas activities. The children of our church are preparing a small drama and a few songs. We hope many of their family members will join us for a special Christmas Day evening service. Would you please pray for these special days and for those family members to come and hear about the love of God for them?



Almost 20 children + their parents attended a cookie decorating party at church.



Sharing the gospel at the Christmas cookie party



Sunday morning worship



The outside of the church, decorated for Christmas

I want to end this letter thanking you for being there encouraging us and supporting us in prayer. It is my goal to try to communicate better what we are doing and how our ministry is going. I am trying to focus a little bit more on counseling and discipleship in our church so you should hear more about this during this coming year.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a very happy and blessed New Year!

All for Jesus!

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