

Let's have a little (or big) talk with Jesus **Prayer time/Tiempo de Oración**

“¹⁶ Be joyful always; ¹⁷ *pray continually*; ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 18

There are many things that we hear about third-world countries that are not nice. Poverty, crime, needs, etc are the main things that Media exposes about places in the world that are in this category. However, I believe that by just knowing about the difficulties, is showing a section of the facts of these countries.

I come from one of those countries. I was born in Monterrey, Mexico. Yes, Mexico is a third-world country and yes, poverty, needs, etc are part of our daily lives. But there are other powerful aspects too. One thing I have learned is a “positive” situation that develops due to poverty: “People need to learn to depend in the supernatural” For many of the Mexican people is so obvious and clear that many of our problems and difficulties won't be solve by the government, by the economy or the fact that the richest man in the world is a Mexican. To deal with daily life, you learn to live the text of Thessalonians: “Pray continually”

You learn to pray for getting food, you pray because you got the food, you pray for healing, you pray for sick, for healthy, to be happy, because you are sad, you pray because you feel God close, you pray when you feel Him far away.

All of those moments of prayer, teaches us to rely on our mighty God and that God actually answers according to His perfect will.

I have seen how the Methodist Church of Mexico has growth through prayer. In the 1990's the Methodist Church of the Oriental Conference, had around 80 churches. Now, it is around 155 churches.

Therefore, prayer is a very strong part of our lives and understanding of Christianity.

After been here for 5 months I have learned one thing of the area of Toledo, Bowling Green, Lima, Fremont, etc: WE NEED GOD. Economic needs, churches with difficult situations, health, gratitude, new ministries starting are a fact in this area.

Therefore, I would like to invite you to experience a time of talking to Jesus and bringing our joys, concerns, fears and victories to him EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. At Monroe Street UMC.

This is not a devotional time about prayer or a meeting about prayer. This is about coming together and pray. You can pray silently, you can pray in groups, you can pray aloud, you can sing while you pray. We will provide a space and some worship music through a CD that will indicate to you when an hour ends.

Some of the Hispanic pastors of independent churches of the area are also invited, so we will have a multilingual/multicultural/“multistyle” prayer time.

Our purpose is to bring the North of Ohio before God and declare it as His. Then, you and I will just see what He will amazingly do among us and through us.

So, let's together have a “little talk with Jesus” and get ready for the adventure of God's transformation of our community.

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