

Community In Acts

December 6, 2021

Mk 1:36-37 “Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing is impossible with God.”

An elderly barren lady is six months along in pregnancy. A young virgin girl is impregnated by the Holy Spirit. We have heard these accounts our whole life. It is easy to gloss over the glorious. Scripture is full of miraculous accounts of God’s power, mercy, wisdom, love, justice and so on. The uncommon has all too often become common. Verse 37 states, “for nothing is impossible with God.” I believe that our faith is in danger of becoming myopic or has already lowered to that level. Let us remember, in this incredible season that a baby was born of a virgin to come into this world with miraculous power to save, forgive, heal and give eternal life. This morning, challenge yourself and your faith that NOTHING is impossible WITH GOD.

Mission Base

This week we will have a visitor from Mission Base, Mike Contreras, who has been a long-time friend and co-worker. He is here to plan out the team from Biola University. We are excited to receive our first team from Biola. After our Zoom meeting with them, both side were very optimistic of this being a good fit. There was mention of this trip possibly being part of their annual system of sending young people down to be exposed to cross-cultural ministry. This has always been part of our dream to help channel young people into being an active part in full-filling the Great Commission. So, Mike is here helping to plan out their time with us and clarify expectations on both sides of the equation.

Evaluations

This week Brian Nancy and I will be conducting evaluations of our employees. This is always an interesting time. You never really know how your insights and assessments will be received. Fortunately, we have a wonderful team and the majority of the assessments will be encouraging.

Chevy Truck

Finally, we will get our Chevy back from the shop after a four-month ordeal dealing with insurance and a crooked mechanic. After listening to excuses and non-responses we decided to take action. So we towed the truck to a local shop to get the truck fixed enough to drive it back to Puebla. It seems that the mechanic had aspirations of keeping the truck for himself so he made the damage look worse than it actually was. This in the long run, benefited us. Long-story short, we will have our truck back this week – PTL.

Retreat

Our CIA retreat was a wonderful time. We enjoyed some very productive meetings, fellowship and now have our 2022 calendar filled in. We are excited at what the Lord will accomplish in 2022.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for our employees and the evaluations that God would use this time to be one of encouragement.

2. Pray for our church planters and their works to grow and multiply.
3. Pray for Good News of Christmas to penetrate the lives of those who do not know Jesus.
4. Pray for the work in San Nicholas as the light penetrates we are a to see more issues of how the enemy has been working in this small town.