



Pastor's Comments

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Now Christian is One

In July my son and I went on a missions trip to Mexico where I spoke to a congregation in Damian Carmona and to young men ministering in their Indian missions. Among the thrilling memories was my meeting of a young man **named Christian**. It was a very hot day as our group headed to a swimming spot to cool off. As we passed the thatched-roofed dwellings along the dirt road, we cheerfully greeted the villagers with “Buenas tardes” and passed out Gospel tracts. **Then I met Christian**, who to my delight, spoke English. As the group strolled on, I engaged him in conversation commenting on **his significant name**. I soon discovered that he knew nothing about Jesus Christ. His dad was a real estate agent who had sent him to America to become an architectural engineer. He was schooled in North Carolina and started a business there. He had just returned to Mexico because of a relative’s death. As I talked to him about Christ I sensed his spiritual hunger, but then I heard my son calling, “Come on, Dad – we’re going a different way today.” I told Christian, “I have to go, but I’d love to talk more with you.” Then his uncle spoke up, “You should go to the dam to cool off.” As I took off in a run, I yelled back, “Maybe that’s where we’re going – I’m not sure.” It was!

An hour later, I was reviewing my sermon notes with my feet in the cool, pristine waters flowing over the dam when Christian appeared. “I decided to swim,” he said but just stood there. “Want to continue our conversation?” I asked. He did. After hearing the Gospel message, he prayed and asked Christ to save him from his sins. Then I declared, **“Now you are the Christian your name reflects!”**

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