

"THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE"

Elba Ramirez - April 2003 Prayer Letter

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I LOVE THIS CHURCH'S MUSIC

What a blessing to worship in a place where the special music is right and one will not be unpleasantly surprised with contemporary arrangements. This Church's music helps us to realize: "The Lord is in His holy temple."

FOUNDATIONS BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

With a burning heart for the Lord and paying their own expenses, nine members of Foundations Bible Collegiate Church in Dunn, North Carolina, eagerly came to help us build the desperately needed school for our 270 students. But they not only came to build the physical building, but the spiritual one as well. Bro. Ballard told Pastor Cortés: "WE ARE YOUR SERVANTS", and his servants they became. Bro. Tom Ausdenmore most willingly played in a violin 3 offertories. Pastor and congregation were so blessed! Pastor Cortés said that 16-yr.-old Joshua Strout's testimony was a great challenge to parents and youth as well. We are so grateful to Foundations Bible Collegiate Church for their true missionary vision. They have lent us their Pastor, their male quartet and pianist, and now their construction workers because they truly have a burden and a God-given vision for México. Many commented the blessing they received by watching how these men conducted themselves. We could easily see that "The Lord was in these nine holy temples."

FROM DARKNESS INTO DIVINE LIGHT!

LUZ DIVINA, a precious lady, prayed the sinner's prayer. Her name means "Divine Light." So she has passed from darkness into Divine Light! And all because you are praying that "The Lord be in His holy temple!"

CLAUDIA WAS GLORIOUSLY SAVED!

I met a 22 young lady, mother of an 18 mos.-old boy. I offered to teach her how to read. While we were at it, she prayed the sinner's prayer. After her first week she said she feels so peaceful! Please pray for her husband's salvation. He claims to be very Catholic, but he

needs to learn that, The Lord is not in the Roman Catholic system but in His holy temple"

SARITA

Our dear cello player's views on Christian Education are changing as she listens the messages of Dr. O. Talmadge Spence in tapes. May her husband DANTE become a strong man of God. My privilege is to accompany them at the piano, so I am endeavoring to make small easy arrangements for our offertories and Pastor Cortés tells me he is being blessed by them. May our music cause people to know that "The Lord is in His holy temple."

DARIO TOVAR

One of my piano student now plays at Bro. Benjamín's Church. He wants to attend Foundations Bible College when he finishes High School. Pray that he will because we desperately need ministers of music with a strong, and true Biblically based philosophy of music, men that know the AGE we are living in, yea we need holy men if "The Lord's Shekina glory is going to fill His holy temple."

OUR PARENTS URGENTLY NEED TO LEARN DISCIPLINE

To have any children or youth ministry in Mexico means to have a ministry to parents. They need to learn discipline first, then learn how to discipline their children. VERO, our Youth Pastor's wife asked me to fervently pray for their 7-yr-old son KALEB. I promised to include them in this letter. KALEB has not been Biblically disciplined. I am praying that Dr. Dennis Lowry and Douglas Wilson, experienced and godly faculty members at Foundations Bible College and Seminary, may be invited SOON to teach our parents and teachers how to discipline their children Biblically. This is a most urgent prayer request because: "The Lord can only dwell in holy temples."

HERIBERTO CHONG

The son of my Chinese neighbors asked me to teach him piano. I gladly accepted. May he become a holy temple for God to indwell.

DR. ALMA

This lady doctor is my next door neighbor and is married to another doctor. I have only greeted them when we meet out of our homes. Last night I met them at a nearby grocery store. While the husband went to the car, she told me she has been feeling depressed and that she and her husband thought that learning how to play the piano with me will help her. Imagine the opportunity! Since she does not have a piano on which to practice I offered her mine. May she also become a holy temple for God to indwell!

HERMANN NEEDS TO REPENT!

It seems as if the loosing of his leg has not led him into true repentance. Now he is in much pain because after learning to walk with a prosthesis, he lost all his extra weight and his prosthesis does no longer fit him. Also his pastor has disciplined him. May his present suffering lead him to true repentance and submission to God. Oh that Hermann may become a holy temple!

ZAREMA NEEDS A RUSSIAN BIBLE!

This baby in the Lord is asking for a Giant Print Bible in Russian. She is reading her Russian Orthodox Bible every day. Could you help me find a GIANT PRINT Bible in Russian for her? She needs to grow in the Lord!

IMELDA AND ALEXANDRA

I gave IMELDA and ALEXANDRA a Bible each. They made a poster saying: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you" (Juan 14:27). IMELDA said: "My daughter was asked to bring a message of peace to school and I hope we will not get in trouble because I quoted the Bible." "Do not worry, you will be the one with The Only Answer for TRUE peace," I replied. Pray FERVENTLY for Christian maturity in these God's temples, and for the salvation of Imelda's husband-ALVARO!

STEINWAY PIANOS ON SALE!

I met LISA GREENE, recently. She happens to own the only store in Southern California that sells the famous Steinway pianos and is willing to give Pastor Cortés credit on a grand piano for our Church, its sound will help us realize: "The Lord is, in His holy temple."

Please, fervently pray that LISA might be converted! The more I am with her, the more I learn how deeply she needs my Redeemer! She just called me right now, to invite me for lunch next Thursday, and literally said: "I know the Lord brought you into my life for a purpose." She lives with a Mexican "boyfriend." And as expected, their relationship is "deteriorating." Please pray daily for her true conversion!

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NOT IN VAIN

I have told you that recently I visited some of my supporting churches in the States to give them a report of God's doings in Tijuana. I just received this good and refreshing message from a teenager from one of those dear churches:

"After your testimony in Sunday School, it got me thinking whether or not I was doing what God wanted me to or not. Then, I prayed and it seems God is leading me to be either a pastor or an associate pastor. I know this comes with a great deal of responsibility, but, if it is what God wants me to do, it is what God wants me to do. Will you pray for me in this area? Growing up as a teenager is bringing a lot of new things on my life which come with a lot of new responsibilities and a lot of new temptations. I only ask that you pray for me."

May the Lord guide him into His perfect and good will!

"NEITHER HAD ANY MAN KNOWN HER"

Many young ladies from four churches will attend a Conference on April 26th. with this theme taken from Rebekah's testimony in Genesis. You know how hard is for young ladies to keep themselves pure in these days While two Pastors will speak to the young fellows, I will speak to the ladies. PLEASE pray!

HOW VITAL ARE YOUR PRAYERS?

Dear prayer warriors, please keep on praying for me, so God can continue using me. I am convinced of the fact that it is not personality, nor gadgets, but His Mighty Spirit who happens to be HOLY! My longing and prayer is that He may find His delight IN this unworthy temple.

Thanking God for each one of you,

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