

"SHOWING TO THE GENERATION TO COME . . ."

Elsa Ramirez - May 2003 Prayer Letter

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"RAISING NEW GENERATIONS"

Pastor David Cortés, inspired by Psalm 78, has set before our Church and schools this challenge. The whole ministry here is so new, we are all involved in the godly process of raising New Generations. Pastor asked me to write a hymn for the schools with this theme: "Raising New Generations." This letter is to show you what this goal means to us here.

SOCORRO

Is a precious lady-Pastor FACUNDO's wife who serves as a secretary of the High School. While we did the laundry for the 9 builders who came from Foundations Bible Collegiate Church in North Carolina, she said: "I have been saved for only 6 years. Previous to that, I was a devotee to the 'Death idol.' I would pray, worship, offer food and dress up that idol and did many other occult things in my life." Now she was asking me how to discipline her teenage children and how to have devotions. Her husband is in charge of keeping the order in our High school and studies in our Bible Institute. We must effectively edify these lives that they may raise a true New generation!

REMEMBER REY?

Brother REY (whose name was Christ the King) was officially installed this month as a Pastor of the first mission that Bro. Benjamín's church started in the desert. He who used to be a drug pusher, and passed many Mexicans illegally to the States, is now a good Pastor, starting his own New Generation!

ARGELIA AND ROBERTO

A young couple who used to live in the ghetto area of San Diego, now comes to our Church faithfully! Please pray that she and ROBERTO may raise their New generation!

BROTHER MORALES

"Pastor, this Sunday I heard an older brother sing harmony to some hymns. Perhaps he would be a good prospect for our choir?" I

commented to Pastor Cortés and he responded: "He is the father of a Pastor, so he has known the Gospel for a long time, but he gets drunk often. Last time I asked him about it, he said: 'Pastor I have stopped drinking.' Since when, I asked: 'Since three days ago'" he responded. So, his son is starting his own New generation!

JUAN TOVAR

He used to be the Awana leader in Bro. Benjamín's Church but, every Christmas and New Year's eve, he would not come to Church and prohibited his family from coming with the excuse that something may happen to them. Now he does not come at all to Church. It is with much prayer that we hope Darío his son, will study at Foundations Bible College, marry in the will of God and start a true New generation!

LORENA

This precious 15-yr.-old girl's dad never provides for the home. He still lives with his mother in Las Vegas. Lorena's mother works very hard and long hours and cannot spend a lot of time with her children. So, LORENA is father and mother to her two younger brothers. We pray that God may give her a godly husband, so together they may start a true New generation!

SALUSTIA

Her husband is the typical Mexican macho-type who drinks, never works, beats his wife, abuses his children verbally, but comes home and expects everything clean and food on the table. Mother and 8 year old ALEXANDER cultivate a very close communion with God and with each other. Oh God, allow ALEXANDER to start a true New generation in his family!

ROSALBA

This lady housed one of my ladies Bible studies. While we met, her husband watched T.V. or slept in a bedroom. He stays with his family for some weeks and disappears for months. Seeing her faithfulness to Church, Pastor gave scholarships for her children at

"And of some have compassion, making a difference" - Jude 22

school. One day, they did not have anything to eat, but she sat the children at the table and asked them to thank God for the food they were about to eat. They had not even finished praying when the neighbor upstairs brought a large container with a delicious stew for the whole family. A few Sundays ago, I sat with her during the service and while we were singing a hymn, she started crying profusely. I put my arm around her and gave her a Kleenex, but I also started crying. I thought, "Oh Lord she probably does not have enough for the very essentials, and You have given me so much." Immediately after the service, Pastor asked me to share the Gospel with another lady; therefore, I could not ask her what was the problem and if I could help her. A few days after I asked her about her tears during the previous service and she smilingly said, "No sister, I was crying for joy. God has given me so many blessings. He has provided a new kitchen and floor in my house! May her children start a true New generation!"

ANA ROSA

Is another sister who has not a good husband. Her children need attention and discipline; she never learned how to take care of her own children and they are being spoiled with everything. How much we need patience and faith to believe God can raise a New generation even out of cases such as this!

ARACELY PRAYED THE SINNER'S PRAYER

Aracely is a Roman Catholic Mom who prayed the sinner's prayer and has two teenage daughters in our school. She confessed to me that she still gets up very early every morning to make repetitious Catholic "prayers," her rosaries, etc. Could your prayers make a difference in this home? She is being very careful not to push her husband into coming to Church. May Aracely's daughters start a true New generation!

IMELDA AND ALEXANDRA

For two weeks IMELDA has not come to my home as she used to before. Very concerned, I tried to come out of my home at the same time I heard her come down the stairs, at least to wish her a good day and the blessings of God. Finally I have learned she has been through a pe-

riod of discouragement. She is young and cannot accept the fact that her arthritis is so advanced, so she does not even take any medicine. She keeps saying she has not been saved because she is not ready to give everything up and change completely. It is impossible to continue teaching the Bible to her when she avoids me. She was going to enroll 6 year-old Alexandra in a modeling school. HORROR! My heart sunk! Imagine!!! When child pornography is so rampant!!! They went to that "school," she saw so many men there and something told her inside, not to enroll the girl. PLEASE PRAY FOR HER TRUE CONVERSION! Could Alexandra have a chance to become a precious Christian lady and start a New Generation? They are moving in four or five months! Please PRAY!!!

"THE PURE IMAGE OF CHRIST IN ME"

This is a translated hymn the Lord gave me.

All: "In this lost and evil world,
Keep me pure oh Lord.
The enemy is very subtle,
Oh God give me Your fear".

Gentlemen: "Burn the image of the world in me
Father I place myself in Your Altar
May your knife deliver me
Of all spirit of rebellion."

Ladies: "Take away all vanity from me
Make me submissive oh Lord.
No, never seeking to friend the world
Separate me in Your love."

All: May no one despise me oh God,
Make me an example my Lord,
In faith, conduct, purity and love
Make me apt to teach.

Chorus: "Keep me pure oh God in Thee,
Holy, Without blemish in Thy Truth,
May the pure Image of Christ in me
Be my priority."

More than 300 young people were present at our 2 day conference. My group of ladies' spirit was unusually docile and receptive. Thank you for praying. The Pastor of that Church invited me for next year again. Only on our knees we shall be able to see New generations in México!

I thank you for the vital part you have in raising true
New Generations in Mexico
for His glory.

In Christ's Name,

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