

# "GOD'S MULTICOLORED GRACE"

*Elsa Ramirez - July-August 2004 Prayer Letter*

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## **GOD'S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT**

One of my my greatest joys is to see new churches being planted, and established. The Lord has allowed me to help and see seven of the fourteen new churches being planted. I just finished the training of 20-30 Sunday School teachers in one of those churches. The Lord blessed greatly. PATI, one of those ladies is now discipling others in the same way I taught her. AURORA, a precious pastor's wife and one of my best disciples is taking piano lessons from me along with her daughter. They both are already blessing three new churches by playing the piano, even if they can only read those hymns as they are written. Aurora's husband is a lawyer, and the Lord has used him to start three mission churches in Tijuana: "Way to Heaven Baptist Church", "Way to Glory Baptist Church", and "New Way Baptist Church." He has been bed-ridden for several months in a critical condition; the operation in his eyes demanded absolute rest. Praise the Lord I told him yesterday in Church: "I am so grateful to God to see my prayers walking in front of me." Now he is coming back into his usual activities. Please pray for brother Gutiérrez, and his dear family. . . God's grace is sufficient!

## **GOD'S GRACE IN FACING DEATH**

During his one-month stay at a Tijuana's Cancer clinic, Brother David Burrow and Carol his wife, fellow missionaries from my Mission preparing to work in Moldova, have been precious showpieces of God's sustaining grace and true victory in spite of not only facing death on several occasions, but dealing with many human errors and lacks. What a living example I had before me of what God expects of me from now on. After being with them, I cannot continue complaining about any little thing. As of today, he is in Dr. Rogers' Clinic in Texas. Will you pray for his complete recuperation? He has an unfinished mission in Moldova. One hundred orphan children are waiting for him there. Will you pray for his complete recovery? May God continue being glorified in him! His grace is more than sufficient!

## **GOD'S GRACE IS REAL**

"My children" DANTE and SARITA were visiting me, when some thieves opened their car and stole Sarita's purse with her Peruvian Passport, her Mexican and her American visa. She had to face consuls and ambassadors, but in a week and a half she obtained the three pieces of identification again and the authorities that dealt with her were most gracious. God's grace went before her. His grace is real!

## **GOD'S GRACE IS AMAZING**

Again, Dante, Sarita and her brother David who is visiting them, experienced God's grace in an unexpected way. They were going home after Church last Sunday when their van turned completely over. They had to come out through the back door. There were no physical problems and the van was on the road the following day. God's grace is truly amazing!

## **GOD'S GRACE IS ABUNDANT**

Three years ago, I met DAVID, Sarita's brother. He was dating a charismatic girl then. I clearly spoke to him about his sin, but he did not appreciate the advice. All of this time we have been praying for him, to leave her and move to Tijuana, so he can attend this Church. Well, God has answered us exceedingly, abundantly, above . . . He has definitely broken his relationship with that "Philistine" and feels called into Christian service. He is preparing to enroll this year in Foundations Bible College in Dunn, North Carolina. He must resign the orchestra where he plays his violin, learn English and obtain his American student visa before September 15th. Will you pray for him and his NEEDS? God's grace is abundant!

## **GOD'S GRACE IN SUFFERING**

JOSE ANGEL, my 16-yr.-old piano student, the one I had almost adopted, has let the sins of rebellion, bitterness and resentment take a hold of him and he neither wants to continue studying piano, nor does he want to keep the scholarship at our Christian High school. He has chosen a secular school and her mother does give

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

him the wrong advice. She does not know any better. His stepfather is not wise either to help him develop a wholesome Christian character. Please pray much for him. At first his stubbornness and ungrateful attitude almost killed me, but God's multicolored grace is sufficient in suffering! Pray much for Jose Angel, please!

### **GOD'S GRACE IN COUNSELING**

HUGO & LILIANA, my nephew-an electrical engineer and his precious wife-a kindergarten teacher have been serving the Lord diligently for years in a Church in Pachuca, my hometown, near Mexico City. I thought, that church was one of ours, but their pastor is a Rockmanite and is pushing that falsehood in his church by inviting a guest speaker to hold a seminar about this theme. Also, their pastor uses mostly Country Western music, which as you know, is neither Country nor Western and does not glorify the Lord. Once and a while Hugo, who is the self-taught piano player in the Church is allowed to introduce a great hymn of the faith but one Sunday, while they were singing: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" the pastor stopped the singing and said: "We shall never sing this song again in this church, that kind of music is for the dead." My counsel to Hugo and Liliana was "come out from them and be ye separate." Will you pray that Hugo and Liliana move to Tijuana and eventually enroll at Foundations Bible College in Dunn, North Carolina? They are already thinking about it.

### **GOD'S GRACE IN EXHORTING**

PROF. CERVANTES is the father of the only lazy piano student I have and put up with. Though she is only 17 years old, I enjoy listening to all her problems past and present. Her father has been badly involved in the past with the Southern Baptist Convention in Mexico and confessed to me he did and saw others doing the wrong kinds of things in that system. He claims to have preached in many churches, but he has not matured in Christ. He loves the Church for the effect the teaching of sound doctrine is having in his home. He still praises worldly philosophers and loves to talk about their philosophies to his children and his university students. I asked him what good does he find in all of that, and he said, "their methods." "What methods?" I asked, and he did not know how to answer. I mainly did this so his

children will not follow his error. He calls them "My treasures" but has neglected them most of their lives and is planning to neglect them even more by accepting more posts as professor. He wants to send his children to secular colleges to be exposed to the world instead of being "over-protected" (the "Green House argument") attending Christian schools. I kept silent because the children were present. But last night after Church, in much prayer I confronted him about all of these sins. He seemed to have taken it all very well, and thanked me much. But me, I ran immediately to Pastor Cortés to tell him all about this encounter. He agreed with me and thanked me. Will you pray that Mr. Cervantes' eyes be opened to Eternal Values?

### **GOD'S RESCUEING GRACE**

Again, DAVID, Sarita's brother and my backslidden nephew HERMANN have become very good friends lately. May DAVID's testimony be a great influence in my nephew to come back to the Lord. Will you pray for him? God's grace can still rescue him!

### **GOD'S SAVING GRACE**

How I thank the Lord for RUTH, RACHEL and MARIA, ladies I have been able to hear pray and ask God to save them. Pray for their growth in Christ and also pray for the salvation of LILIA-a widow, her son JAIRO and RAUL-my new neighbors. LILIA and RAUL are living together and plan to marry in December. She will have a biopsy soon. May I be used of God not only for their salvation, but for their growth in Christ in facing a possible cancer. Her brother is in drugs and needs the Lord!

### **GOD'S GRACE IN MAKING DISCIPLES**

I had the privilege of playing the piano in ESMERALDA's Christ-centered wedding-one of my first disciples in Tijuana and now a pastor's wife! To God be the glory! SYLVIA my niece is coming back from Foundations with her husband Enrique to work full time in Christian Education. AMELIA is also coming from Foundations and will work for the Lord. All of these disciples had a "secular" profession but now they want to serve the Lord only!

*May His grace be sufficient for you,*

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