

# WILL YOU FERVENTLY PRAY?

*Elsa Ramirez - September - October 2004 Prayer Letter*

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## **“RIOS DE AGUA VIVA”**

When I first arrived in Tijuana, I labored with Pastor LOPEZ and his wife—a couple who had recently graduated from our Bible Institute. In trying to start a new church, we did a lot of visitation door to door and distributed many tracts and New Testaments in a particular neighborhood called: “The Working Colony.” To the glory of God, now there stands a precious mission! This is the story: Pastor LOPEZ felt burdened to go to Oaxaca, one of our Southern states, to win his own ethnic group for the Lord. Considering his large family and our impossibility to fully support them in Oaxaca, Pastor Cortés encouraged him to win his own people instead here in the “Working Colony” in Tijuana where many of them have moved and live. Pastor LOPEZ accepted the challenge, and now “Rivers of Living Water” is a beautiful Church filled with young people. The only ones who have received the Gospel are the young people and they suffer much persecution because the parents are so rooted in their paganism. Do you remember DANTE the French horn player? He, being from the same state of Oaxaca has easily identified with his people and along with his wife SARITA has visited this church to teach them music. Now this young people play different instruments in their services. Last Saturday they celebrated their 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and I thanked God silently while seeing the reverence in which they conducted themselves during all the service. PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS YOUTHFUL AND SUFFERING CHURCH!

## **MARCIA**

I met this striking beauty from Uruguay, who in much bitterness told me: “When I see so many evil people who rape, take drugs and kill, I ask, why did my good 23 year-old brother had to die and suffer so much in dying?” She carries in her wallet all the small paintings of “saints” her brother was given to pray to them constantly. My heart was broken; truly, lost people are hopeless and cannot even taste our Lord Jesus Christ’s abundant life! WILL YOU PRAY MUCH FOR MARCIA’S SALVATION?

## **LUZ ELENA**

Due to a work accident, this young invalid nurse, a mother of two became bitter. But she prayed the sinner’s prayer. She came from a “church” where the preacher suddenly stopped his “sermon” and “predicted” all of hers and her husband’s future!!! WILL YOU PRAY?

## **DR. MARIA ISABEL**

Do you remember I heard this Dr. pray the sinner’s prayer? She continues faithful to the Lord. But she prefers to attend another church near her home. PLEASE PRAY FOR HER!

## **JOSEFINA**

After calling her many times, she finally heard the Gospel at my home and prayed the sinner’s prayer. This Sunday she came with her husband to Church. PLEASE PRAY!!!

## **PAUL**

He is my neighbor Lilia’s young brother. Though young, he already has the marks of a hard life—drugs. He comes very often to ask me for his sister and has started asking me for money. For his own good, I never have any, but instead, little by little I am giving him the simple Gospel. WILL YOU PRAY FOR PAUL?

## **JAIRO**

A 22 year-old “good” man, Lilia’s son told me he has worked since he was ten to support his mother. I gave him the Gospel yesterday. He did not show any signs of repentance, So, I was led to give him a New Testament and tracts and wait for the Holy Spirit to work in his heart. WILL YOU FERVENTLY PRAY?

## **NORMA**

A 27 year-old mother finally prayed the sinner’s prayer. She has been even with the Jehovah FALSE Witness, but could not find rest for her soul. She seemed very sincere. Please pray for her initial growth. Discipleship classes will start this Wednesday. Her growth is crucial, since she has been indoctrinated by many other false beliefs. WILL YOU PRAY?

*“And of some have compassion, making a difference” — Jude 22*

## CESAR FINALLY ENTERED FOUNDATIONS BIBLE COLLEGE

How I thank God for answering prayer! For four years I have been praying for Cesar to prepare for the ministry. Mexico has needed a Minister of Music at least for the last hundred years! The Lord has worked in the life of this promising young man who left everything, including a good and secure job to prepare as a minister of music. Two dear Pastors have promised to help him with some of the items I listed. THANK YOU for anything you will do to help him. I heard an excellent report about him from one of his teachers. Right now he is facing many changes in everything, food, language, culture, studies, and especially in the kind of Christian life and worshipful music he is now enjoying there. WILL YOU PRAY FOR A DOCTILE AND RECEPTIVE HEART FOR HIM?

### JOSE ANGEL

Do you believe that a Christian School sometimes is the easiest place to abandon the Lord? ANGEL has enrolled again in our school, and I thank you for praying, but his character has changed completely. He used to tell us he hated the sins of his classmates and other young people, and now he is sinning with them. He claimed to be called to do missionary work and has a tremendous potential to serve the Lord correctly. But the potential to go astray is far greater and he is using it to the fullest! My heart is broken. How will the Lord's be? WILL YOU JOIN US IN FERVENT PRAYER?

### ALBERTO

This 14-year-old piano student openly rebelled against his father—a preacher, refusing to play the piano in Church. His father told him that he was going to let God directly deal with him. The following Sunday, his mother found him almost like dead in the bathroom after something like a first epileptic seizure. Nor even then, did he repent. So, I was ready to let him go, because I only teach piano to those who are willing to serve the Lord. But, I was led to pray and fast before speaking to him if God would grant him repentance. During the two hours we talked together, the Lord broke his heart and he asked forgiveness to God, and later on to his parents. He is playing the piano in Church again and his father told me he has a new son! PLEASE KEEP ON PRAYING!

## TEACHER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Who would believe that a weekly piano lesson could be a powerful tool to influence my pupils? When I greeted 11 year-old MARTHA or asked her a question she never responded, her Mom did it for her. Now she has blossomed and always responds to me even with a smile. A piano lesson also gives my students occasion to open up and tell me what is in their hearts. What a tremendous opportunity to encourage them to enter into full time God's will for their life. This is truly a part of building Christian character in them and making disciples for His glory! But, with this great privilege there comes an even greater responsibility. WILL YOU FERVENTLY PRAY FOR ME?

### INDEPENDENCE DAY!

On September 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Mexico's Independence, and many heard the GOOD NEWS! LILIA and RAUL, my neighbors prayed the sinner's prayer along with other 10 adults and many children. WILL YOU PRAY FOR TRUE AND GENUINE CONVERSIONS?

### A CONCERT

On October 16<sup>th</sup> music teachers and pupils will give a piano, violin, cello and French horn concert to raise funds for our school building. Music lessons are not common in our Mexican churches. Many will be introduced to these instruments. May ALL be done to the glory of God! **The CREATOR** of ALL the ARTS must be **THE ONLY ONE GLORIFIED**. May all of our music teaching, present and future have a God-given Biblical foundation, purpose and practice. WILL YOU FERVENTLY PRAY?

### CHRISTMAS

Pastor Cortés has asked me to organize a Christmas program using different singing and instrumental groups. Please pray that the Holy Spirit of God may guide me in every step, choosing the Scripture' portions and songs, giving each group the adequate song and participation. May the Lord Jesus be honored correctly on His birthday! For "without Him, I can do nothing!" WILL YOU FERVENTLY PRAY?

*Thanking God for each one of your fervent prayers  
and seeing God answering you in Tijuana,*

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