

"B O R N T O D I E"

Elva Ramirez - December 2004 Prayer Letter

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OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Pastor Cortés asked me to organize and write the narration of our Christmas Service. We will call it "Concert" to invite many unsaved people. How I thank the Lord for the humble attitude of our eleven musical groups. Writing the script to be read in between songs was quite a challenge for unexperienced me. But I believe the Lord took care of that writing from beginning to the end. This program is entitled: "BORN TO DIE" and it takes us from before the foundation of the world, when God appointed His Son to be slain for us, His humble birth, and His death until His glorious coming in the air. Please pray for many unsaved people who has never come to our Church, or perhaps those 60 people who came to the last concert will come back. I will be sure to let you know how your prayers were answered. May many Christians decide once and for all to live in the light of His glorious appearing! Please pray for us!

DANIEL

Not too long ago, he joined our Church and Pastor Cortés asked me to teach him piano. I am very careful to teach only those who are already serving in one of our churches or missions or those who have been truly called into the ministry. He has shown a very good potential and spirit to serve the Lord and feels called into the ministry. His father abandoned the family. While studying engineering, Daniel works in a gigantic shoe store, which also provides shoes for many other stores. In his job, there are several unwed mothers who would almost "throw themselves at him." Pray that he might find another job and be able to leave that one soon!!! His mother is a 7 Day Adventist and very much rooted in the law of the Sabbath. Yet, she loves to hear Pastor Cortés sermons in tape, ten or more times in a week. Will you pray for DANIEL's wisdom in his job? May he flee from youthful lusts! Also pray for his mother's salvation. He is bringing her to my home next week. Christ was born to die for her salvation from sin and for his salvation from the power of sin!

WORD OF LIFE 11th ANNIVERSARY

I have already told you that the city where God has placed me, has a Church which has started three other organized and independent Baptist churches, 7 missions, and constantly is seeking new areas to start another mission. "Word of Life" is a mission where I have worked teaching ladies how to witness and how to teach Sunday School. Now, Pastor wife teaches them every week with respect to their life as Christian wives. The men are very busy building the walls and painting the Church, while the ladies have bought beautiful curtains for the windows inside the Church. What a blessing to see the brethren growing more and more in the Lord and the building getting more beautiful each time. But the property still needs a big door. I asked Pastor Ortiz about the estimated cost, and he said that it will be about fifteen hundred dollars. In Mexico there is much bandalism and we have to protect the door with an iron fence. Please pray for this need. How I wish you could see these precious brethren, humble and faithful to the Lord. Truly, He was born to die for them. Hallelujah!

ALFONSO

This is a young married man who along with his wife made a profession of faith a year ago and continue faithful to the Lord in spite of a staunch Catholic family. There are priests, and members of different fanatic and radical Catholic associations in his family. At first, they cut all kind of of contact with him, but lately they have started to socialize with him a little. He is very hopeful about winning his family to the Lord. Will you pray? The Lord Jesus was not born to die in vain!

CARLOS

He is a fifteen year old student who has had brain cancer. The Lord has certainly heard our prayers and his last report came out negative. He is taking music lessons and wants to serve the Lord with all his heart. Will you pray for his physical and spiritual health?

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

JAIRO

I discouraged my 23 year old neighbor of studying music at the conservatory. He wants to become a rock band singer, but has not finished his High school yet. So I encouraged him to finish it and study another career with which he will be able to support his future family. Last week he exchanged his big car for a smaller one in order to save in gasoline. His mother advised him to take the new car to a mechanic to have it checked before buying it. But he refused and made a hurried transaction. In the morning, I heard him shout "Mother!, Mother! my car is not where I parked it last night. Somebody has stolen it! His mother thinks the robber is the same fellow who sold it to him. He probably kept a key. Please continue to pray for JAIRO'S salvation. Our Lord was born to die for Him!

PAUL

The Lord, I believe has performed a miracle in him. Though he left the rehabilitation place where he was, in two days, he went back to it. Pray much for him! Yes, Christ was born to die to deliver Paul from the power of his sin!

LILIA

Just came crying, her husband to be, is not too sure about getting married. He only wants to live with her. Pray that she might be strong in her new found faith and do the correct thing. I am amazed at the wisdom of this babe in the Lord. Every week, she comes punctually for her Bible study. She has a son and a friend of hers in jail. Could the Lord change all of these lives for His glory? He was born to die for them!

INDA

Is a very precious young lady who, as a child, made a profession of faith with some American missionaries, but she was never sure she had understood she was a sinner. Her Mom would tell her that she could not be baptized twice, because the Lord would be ungrateful at her. So for fear to her mother, she lived for many years with the fear of knowing she was lost and would go to hell. But praise the Lord, she found courage and wanted to be saved and baptized biblically in spite of her Mom. Please pray for a wonderful growth in Christ for this precious soul. Certainly He was born to die for her!

ROSARIO

I just met this young, 7th-month pregnant, lady a few minutes ago. She made a 20 hour bus trip to visit her brother TITUS who is in jail. With many sacrifices she and her husband paid a lady lawyer her trip to Tijuana, so she could help her brother. But as soon as they arrived, the lawyer received a phone call from her father telling her that the new job she had waited for so long, was waiting for her. She asked Rosario for the money for her trip back and returned immediately. Everything seems lost for Rosario to help her brother Titus. So, she will go back home and try to come again next month. Can you imagine? May all of them come to the saving knowledge of Him who was born to die for them!

KARINA

This precious lady has suffered much because of some congenital diseases. She has been rebellious towards the Lord and His people and things. But I invited her on thanksgiving day and as she heard Chuyita's testimony, she was saved from that bitterness and resentment against the Lord. Christ was born to die for KARINA'S total conversion!

CHUYITA

Came to my home for Thanksgiving Day and shared with us about the day when she told me about her brother dying in a very horrible way; his "friends" tormented him much. And that I stopped her and asked her: "Chuyita have you thanked the Lord for your brother's death?" She went home and did exactly that, and said what a joy she experienced to be released from that bitterness. She cried much that day, but she assured us that those tears were of joy, and I believed her! Yes, Christ was born to die so CHUYITA could enjoy an abundant life!

ELSA

I have a thanksgiving praise for each one of you who have cared for me this year in many tangible ways. Your love deeds have been a great blessing to me! It is so easy to serve Him counting with your prayers, your support and your tender care! May God richly bless you!

Wishing the Best of God for each one of you,

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