

# “THOSE WHO HAVE NO HOPE”

Elsa Ramirez – August-October 2005 Prayer Letter

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## PATRICK CLINE

In spite of his cancer this lost man is still alive. He is mistreating anyone who tries to help him in his last weeks or days? But, he does not have any other resources. Living for the Devil all of his life does not pay good dividends and does not assure him of any future benefits. The Devil offers no hope! Will you pray that he will be saved? Perhaps this is why he has not died yet. Please pray!

## THE UNITED KINGDOM

A preacher from the U.K., being so concerned about the contemporary sound invading England's churches, took Dr. Spence's book *Confronting Contemporary Christian Music* to his country. May the Lord mightily use this volume for His honor and glory. Please pray!

## DANIELA

Is a Christian lady in her early 40's who shared with me the difficult life she is living as her husband verbally and physically abuses her. In the middle of her words with much conviction she said: "Divorce is out of the question, I love him and I am going to stay with him, I am only asking you to pray for us." She is a lady with *The Hope!* I promised her that many of you would pray for her. Will you do it?

## DEBORAH

She is a 24-year-old lady who has to remain in Iraq for 11 more months before she can come back home. She spent some time in the camp bombarded this week and knew many of the marines who were killed. Will you keep on praying for safety and God's protection for her? Let us place our trust in *The Hope* for we are not as those who have no hope!

## TRISHA

What a privilege to hear TRISHA sharing from her heart the terrible family situation she has to live. But now, her hope is in the Lord as she trusted *The Hope* as her personal Savior and Lord. Will you pray for her growth and maturity in Him?

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

What a blessing to be able to share the Hope that is in us with many children in my home church in Hampton, Georgia. The teachers and the decorators did a wonderful job and many children heard the Gospel clearly presented by Pastor Blanton. I was privileged to have heard SARAH, SHENICA and TRISHA pray the sinner's prayer. Now these three ladies have *The true Hope!*

## ANGEL

A precious Christian couple asked me to witness to the owner of a Mexican restaurant in Virginia. I went to a discount bookstore and bought a Bible for him. He was very proud of all his accomplishments. He said he owned a construction company, another major business and the small restaurant with place for 10 customers where I met him. Then he said he spoke Nahuatl (a Mexican language) and the Greek of the Bible(!) When I witnessed to him, he shared his confused and mixed teachings of Catholicism with witchcraft. He said: "A man has come in dreams and has talked to me several times assuring me of his help and protection. He is Jesus." He accepted the three tracts in Spanish I gave him, but did not want to receive and believe the Bible message of salvation. When I asked him if he had a Bible, he said he had many Bibles. After he told me he spoke the Greek of the Bible, I doubted everything he said. But what else can he do having the Devil for a father? Will you please pray that the glorious Hope we have might be his?

## SARAH

She is a divorced, young mother. The father of her three children is in jail. She also had to bitterly experience what four days in jail are like. When the judge found her innocent, he let her out. Now she is completely disillusioned and so very needy in every thinkable way. All her life she has chosen the hard way of the transgressors. I had the privilege of hearing her pain and will visit her again. May she come once and for all to Him who is *The only Hope!*

## JACOB, JULIE and JOSHUA

These are SARAH'S 11, 9 and 7, lovely children. Will you pray that as she takes refuge in God, her children might find Him as Savior and as a Father? Would you pray with me that these children may become men and a woman of God. Let us place our hope in *The* true Hope!

## MARY and VERNON

Please pray for this dear couple. May they see their need of God in their difficult role as parents and grandparents. Please pray that the eyes of their understanding be opened to see their situation and do that which is pleasing to God. Yes, there is Hope!

## JEFF and REGINA

In one of my faithful churches, I was asked to be with a wonderful group of about 20 teenagers. I believe their leader was the one who enjoyed my testimony to the fullest. He and his wife invited me to share it with their family and friends the following night. I cooked for them a Mexican meal and after sharing my testimony Regina opened her heart to show me her hunger for a deeper walk with the Lord. She said she wanted to read Dr. Spence's book *Confronting Contemporary Christian Music* and said that she and her husband do sing duets with that music, but that night she understood they should not do it. She was such a blessing to my own heart. Brother Jeff is very interested in attending the yearly Men's Prayer Conference at Foundations next June. Please pray for this godly couple. May they lead their own children and their church's teens to *The* Hope.

## LISA

Somebody invited this lady to the Church where I gave my report. The following Wednesday she went to the next Church where I was visiting and opened her heart to me. In her own words her "call" was this: "A lady Pastor told me 'You are going to be a missionary.'" She said she is not getting any nourishment in her church. So I was glad to recommend her a good church in the area. She has a college degree already, but needs a strong spiritual input in her life. So I recommended my Alma Mater, Foundations Bible College in Dunn, North Carolina. Please pray for God's will to be done in LISA'S life. Am I ever glad and privileged to serve the God Who is HOPE!

## BRET & LAYCI

Are a very young couple with a baby. After I gave my testimony in a home they had many questions about having devotions in the home, reading the Bible, and good Christian books. Will you please pray for their growth? They attend another church. Please pray that they might learn God's will and follow it thoroughly? He needs a job and wisdom to lead his marriage. May the God Who is *The* Hope miraculously work in these precious lives.

## THE MEN FROM A MISSION

In a Church Mission's Conference, 46 men came the night I presented the work God has done in Tijuana. With the help of three other ladies, I had the privilege to cook for about a hundred people, so each person could taste REAL Mexican food. I prayed: "God make me a blessing", but that night I was the one blessed by hearing some of the men give their candid testimonies of God's saving power from alcohol and crack cocaine. With tears in his eyes the Pastor stood up to tell us God had also saved him from drugs. A missionary lady said: "There is hope for you men because my husband was where you were and now we have been missionaries to Romania and Bulgaria. God has saved you to serve Him." One of the men bought Dr. Spence's CCCM book along with the Men of Foundations CD and I gave him the hymnbook that goes with it. What a blessing it will be for these men to be Biblically nourished as they sing these hymns. Our God is *The* Hope!

## TWO SISTERS

After speaking to a ladies SS Class, two young lady-sisters said that the theme I had chosen was exactly what they had been discussing on their way to church. With tears they told me the Sunday School lesson was for nobody but them. Many other ladies also raised their hands promising to put God's Word into practice. I do not hope in ladies, not in the sincerity of their hearts, but in the God Who is *The* Hope!

## QUARTERLY PRAYER LETTERS

I have been advised by Pastor Pyle to write my prayer letters quarterly instead of monthly.

*May He find us waiting for that blessed Hope,*

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