

"BLESSED AND BURDENED"

Ula Ramirez - August 2008 Prayer Letter

Beloved Financial and Prayerful Supporter—

BLESSED BY EACH ONE OF YOU!

My debt is infinite with all of you faithful supporters, car and ride providers, DVD makers, gracious hosting friends, diligent pastors' secretaries, flight arrangers and true Christian friends after this furlough time. May God reward you "according to His riches in glory . . ."

BLESSED BY TWO NEW MISSIONS

The pastors appointed for them are married to RUTH and ESMERALDA, two of my disciples. Please pray much for them! Pastor Cortés had told me: "At your return, you will not recognize one fifth of the congregation" and added, "I have a lot of work for you." Oh the blessing of being busy in His work! Yet, there is one fear. Please friends pray that I might not deceive myself in believing that because I am seeing much fruit my inner life is truly in deep communion with the Holy and Almighty God. The most backslidden person can still have much apparent fruit. This is one of the most subtle ways Satan could win the victory, inspite of the great numbers of "decisions" for Christ, or the physical blessings I might enjoy. I heard dear Dr. O.T. Spence say, "The Devil can materially bless you also. And this is his method to fool many Christians nowadays."

BLESSED BY A BAPTISMAL

A dear friend who put in practice all I taught from the Bible, and whose marriage has turned completely around, was baptized and her unsaved husband even went to church! She also shared the Word with her mother. Will you continue praying for this home?

"UNEXPECTED" BLESSINGS

As soon as I entered a Ladies Sunday School Class for the first time, the teacher asked me if I was ready to teach, and was so thankful I accepted. What she did not know is that earlier I had asked the Lord if He would have me to share His Word. I have taught this precious group of about seven elderly ladies three times and they have promised me their prayer support. What a tremendous blessing!

MORE UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS

As I called a Pastor, he hesitantly invited me saying: "I want you to know I never take anybody just from the street", and only allowed me to teach a Ladies Sunday School Class. I was very thankful for this opportunity and did not expect anything else. As I presented the lesson, I knew the Lord was using my mouth . . . it was a realization of being only His instrument. Weeks later this Pastor invited me to present my work to the whole church!

BLESSED BY ARABS

In France I visited my Arab neighbors and sat on the floor with them. From then on, they would very often share with me their bread and their food. What they did not know is that God supplied my physical needs through them! Living in France was very expensive.

ARAB BLESSINGS

Though a Pastor told me his church could not take me on for support, I still wanted to be there. That night God moved the heart of an ex-muslim couple who told me that some of the things I had suffered with my family as a result of my conversion and call into the ministry were exactly what they were going through. They feel called to go back as missionaries to their own country! Please pray fervently for Mr. and Mrs. SELAM ABBO.

MORE ARAB BLESSINGS

Three converted Arab missionaries took Dr. H.T. Spence's book "Confronting Contemporary Christian Music" to their own people. Pray for EDGAR F., MILAD K. in Lebanon, and GHAS-SAN H., who told me he will use this book as a textbook in his Bible Institute in Jordan.

WHAT A BLESSING AWAITS CUBA

Dr. Spence's CCCM book in Spanish will soon reach Cuba. The need for this book is rampant in our Hispanic world. Will you pray that God may use it as He intended it when he enabled Dr. H.T. Spence to write it and, enabled me to translate it?

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

BLESSED BY THE TRUTH

Just in case you wonder why I am always so joyful this CCCM book is reaching more and more countries, it is because the fiercest attack to the Church of the Living God TODAY is this contemporary so-called Christian music. You will never know how thankful I am for the Biblical teaching I received at Foundations Bible College in Dunn, NC—my Alma Mater. My mentors "took me by the hand" and opened my eyes about the subtle suggestions at first, now bold worldly harmonies being written by those people I used to admire long time ago for their stand in music!

BLESSED BY INAKI'S TESTIMONY

During my years in Spain, I met INAKI, a Law student who once told me his teachers at the university taught him that the first thing a lawyer has to do when a client comes to him is to say that that specific matter will take a long time, even if it can be done in a second. In that way he can charge more. I said: "How can you become a lawyer and still call yourself a Christian?" Well, in my visit to Spain six months ago, as I entered in a dear church, there was INAKI standing behind the pulpit! As soon as he saw me he told his people: "This is the lady who told me I should leave my profession and become a Pastor." Though I do not remember I said it, I prayed that he would do God's will!

BLESSED BY PEDRO'S TESTIMONY

ANTONIO who had been trained by the Jesuit priests and the one I witnessed to in his store in Spain, has been visited by Bro. PEDRO several times and once the conversation lasted about 40 minutes. Please keep on praying for his salvation! PEDRO also heard a lady pray the sinner's prayer at the church!

SO BLESSED BY MY MISSION FAMILY

Watching a constantly mutating Christian world, I was SO blessed as Dr. Wingard said: "In preparation to speak about our Mission, I went to my old notes when we first started this Mission and found that we have not changed our doctrines, or our practices!" O how blessed I was hearing missionaries preach and fellowshiping with those who have gone through the same trials. Dear Mrs. Liles, my hostess, the hosting Church, its staff and my Mission's Staff did a super job! How blessed I am!

SO BLESSED BY ISABELLE

What a blessing to pray for France in French, as my old friend ISABELLE, a French missionary, shared her heart with me!

BURDEN FOR MARI CARMEN

I visited this bank teller during my visit in Spain. ANTONIO the bank's President and JOSE, another teller, and I had a very trusting relationship. I wanted to give them the Gospel once more. Please pray for their salvation!

BURDENED FOR A HUNGRY PERSON

As I entered a store in Spain, I asked a couple: "Are you Jehovah Witnesses?" "Yes," they said. Then, I begged the owner not to listen to them because they did not have the Truth, and opening the Bible I explained why their Christ is not the Bible's Christ! Will you pray for God to send a Christian to this hungry soul?

BURDENED FOR ESPERANZA

In my recent visit to Spain, she confessed to me that long ago she told her husband: "I met a lady that is not like us." (I only hope she saw the Lord in me.) She recognized my voice over the phone and invited me to her home. Pray that I may follow up this precious contact through letter writing and even phone calls.

BURDENED FOR ISABEL

The day her three children opened their hearts to Jesus, ISABEL prohibited them from attending our Bible club. . . so sad! I have written to her at Christmas time. So, when I called her she was very friendly. Please pray for ISABEL and her family's salvation!

BURDENED FOR MARTHA

Two weeks ago a painter, asked me to pray for her son-in-law—the assistant treasurer of the State of NC who just came out of the I.C.U. and is still in critical condition. Also, please pray for the salvation of this entire family!

BURDENED FOR JANET SATTON

A young newspaper's photographer who entered the church to take photos told me she is a J.W. Will you pray for her salvation?

Thanking God for the great blessing you are to me,

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