

"To Present Every Man Perfect in Christ"

Elsa Ramirez – August - September 2009 Prayer Letter

Colossians 1:28b

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HOW THANKFUL WE ARE TO GOD...

...for his manifold blessings! What a privilege to travel 6 hours very early Sunday morning to San Luis Río Colorado (the Mexican border with Yuma, AZ) to see our missionary Pastor Rey, the one who once was addicted to drugs, and who used to help people to illegally enter the States. NOW he is baptizing his mother and daughter along with 21 other precious converts, mostly men. By their answers, we could clearly see they had understood the ABC's of salvation and baptism. Can you imagine Pastor Benjamín's heart to see his Timothy fully grown? After eating, we drove 6 more hours to come home. Tired? Perhaps, but our joy was far greater! Thank you for **your** prayers and support; I filmed all of this for **you!**

"PASS ME MORE BRICKS, PLEASE"

That same day, before coming home, we dedicated the land to build God's church building in San Luis Río Colorado, where the Name above all other names shall be preached in the power of the Holy Ghost. The Lord truly gave us faith to buy this piece of land, three times larger than our church in Tijuana. Will you pray for God to supply the money to pay for the land and for the building? The brick factory is across the street, and Pastor Rey and his members will build this building. I can just hear them shouting across the street, "Pass me more bricks, please!" I am so thankful to God for you; without your faithful support and prayers I would not be able to be here!

PASTOR BAPTIZED MANY THAT DAY TOO

Among the 17 baptized converts from our church, there was AMALIA's husband. She is Bro. Rey's sister-in-law. Because her husband RICARDO rejected the Lord for so many years, she probably thought it would be impossible for him to be saved. BUT GOD, who is rich in mercy . . . and compassion . . . Well, what a joy to see him being baptized in front of so many witnesses! Thank you for all the time you spend praying for us! The Lord is at work!

WHAT A JOY TO SEE OTHER CONVERTS BEING BAPTIZED

PAULINA (16) is my children's church trainee. She has a good heart for the Lord and much discipline. Pastor Benjamín and I dream many good things for her, her sister and three brothers. Please, pray for this humble family!

Bro. TOVAR and his wife, recently converted, are slowly growing in the Lord. I covet your prayers in their behalf.

IRVING AND HIS WIFE were baptized and also dedicated their three precious children to the Lord. Please pray much for them!

ADELA—A NEEDY SOUL

When we met, I explained the Gospel to her and she asked the Lord to save her. She told us she used to attend a Pentecostal church as a child because they gave her free breakfasts. She remembers many Bible verses and finds them quickly, but after four visits, it is clear she has been taught wrong doctrine, needs true repentance and a renewed mind. As soon as she told me she had not spoken to her husband in six months, I replied, "You are opening the door for adultery." Then, with some pride, she let us know she wanted the divorce so she could remarry. The Lord has to truly be formed in her! She has been faithful to our mission and to our church services also. Will you pray for Adela, her husband Francisco and two children?

MARÍA REQUESTED BIBLE STUDIES

She is ADELA's sister and also prayed the sinner's prayer. She used to attend the Pentecostal church because they gave her oranges at the end of every service. But they had to stay until the end. As Adela, in her youth she left that church, got married, and has now two precious children—DAVID (10) and FRANCIA (6). She glues artificial long fingernails and eyelashes, and insists on gluing them on me for free! I think I had better wait until I go on furlough ☺. Her husband does not allow her to come to our mission or to our church. Will you please pray for this desperately needy home?

CHUY IS ADELA'S BEST FRIEND

We met when Adela brought her to the mission and she seemed very willing to pray the sinner's prayer. Perhaps she felt pressured by Adela and gave the right answers for everything. But please pray for the salvation and growth in Christ of this very likable lady.

JANETH AND SILVIA

Both are ADELA's neighbors and while Janeth (a married lady) asked the Lord to save her, SILVIA (16) said, "Why should I say yes if I know I will not live that kind of life?" Next time I visited Janeth, she told me she had a wedding to attend, to please excuse her. Adela and María also went to the wedding and confessed they felt badly about being inside the Catholic church. I hope they are not just trying to please me. Please pray for all of these ladies who hold grudges against each other and their relatives. They need God's Word NOW!

ADELA'S LATEST BAD NEWS

Humbly crying she just told me that her husband will divorce her and keep their two children. Will you *fervently* pray for them?

ELIA—ANOTHER OF ADELA'S SISTERS

Also wants me to visit her. I would ask the Lord for a 40 hour day and a 10 day week, but I know better. Please pray that I will be so near the Lord, that I might do His will at all times.

ALMA

Gave us a great welcome and continues to do so every time we visit her. She asked the Lord to forgive her, but later she told us she fled from her abusive husband, and now lives with a married man. She says she is going to leave him, but she continues with him. She is very faithful in her Bible studies and has come to the mission once. Will you fervently pray that real conviction of SIN may overwhelm her soul, so she can forsake it once and for all?

SUJEY

After being horribly beaten by the father of her three children, she abandoned him for a woman. Her mother and her brother, who is a pastor, have separated from her. She knows what the Word says, but she is not ready to forsake her sin. Every time we meet, I read those clear verses on sodomy. Will you pray for her?

CARLOS & GLORIA

Make one of those couples you wish would become truly engaged in God's kingdom. Their home shows much care and her two children are well-behaved. CARLOS prayed the sinner's prayer first, but neither of them attend any church. Will you fervently pray for them?

ISABEL (41)

Just so you understand the neighborhood's misery where our second mission is, I will tell you about ISABEL. She is sister Gloria's "convert" and has happily come to church. When I met ISABEL, I was so moved with compassion—no husband, no support, extreme case of diabetes, arthritis, and other complications, I bought her some expensive medicine. Two weeks later she told us she was pregnant! The prince of this world is truly having his great day. Our Lord is coming soon!!!

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Because our education system and our government's free textbooks are *so* anti-God causing our young people to forsake God, the LORD gave our Pastor the vision to start a school. **We recognize we do not have the knowledge nor the means. But in the name of Almighty God, our very humble church voted unanimously to start our CHRISTIAN day school this year—grades K through Grammar school.** Please pray for all the students' benches, teachers' salaries, computers, desks, file cabinets, drinking fountains, fire extinguishers, blackboards etc. Our children come from such poor neighborhoods, Pastor and I dream about being able to serve them a good breakfast daily. Thanks to your faithful support, I will be honored to participate in this holy venture of faith, without salary, by teaching English and Music to all grades and Pastor's family also. Will you pray for 50 English-Spanish bilingual Bibles and 40 recorders? Please, pray for a piano roll I may take with me to every classroom. Above all, pray that GOD might be able to mold and sanctify *us* teachers "that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." This is our school's God-given vision and heartfelt prayer! Will you *fervently* PRAY FOR US AS NEVER BEFORE?

Thanking God for each one of your prayers,

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