

Dear Ones in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of Jesus! By God's grace and your prayers we are walking in victory here at Jericho and are ever thankful for each day that He lets us serve Him in this ministry. And we are thankful for each of you.

I wanted to take a minute to update you on the goings on here and share a bit about our most recent visit to the States which culminated with a dream come true for me. In my last letter I wrote about the month in Wisconsin with Hae Young. In September, Elvia de Madrid, who directs Jericho Kid's Ministries flew up to the States to join me on a whirlwind tour of the Eastern States. We had a marvelous time despite a rocky start which included me teaching Elvia to drive in the US on our first day of travel from Wisconsin to Birmingham! She got the hang of it once I remembered to say (ok.....yell is the more accurate word) "get over now" in Spanish rather than English. We had such a blessed time sharing about Jericho and were pampered above our wildest dreams. What a blessing to see so many of you and share together in the excitement of what God is doing in the lives of the Jericho women and their families. A special thanks to all of you who blessed us with every kind of blessing and encouraged us on in this wild journey with Jesus.

You cannot begin to know what it means to us to have you all supporting us and cheering us on in this battle to rescue the women lost in prostitution.



Front Row: Missionary Hae Young, sister Mindy, daughter Marlyn, Betsy, son Noe, spiritual daughter Helen. Back Row: Spiritual Mom Rosario, Elvia, Neyda, Mayra, missionary Kathy, gourmet

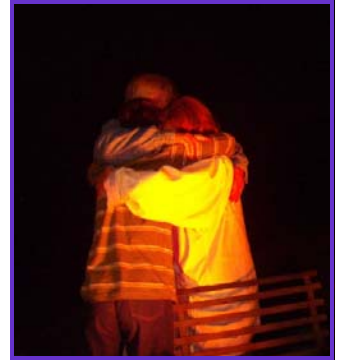


Mayra, Elvia and Neyda at DePauw Uni-

Undoubtedly the most unforgettable moment for me was having the entire Jericho staff, two of the rescued women, and all of my children arrive on Oct. 7th to accompany me to DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana to attend an alumni award ceremony on the 8th. When DePauw contacted me to inform me that I had been selected to receive one of these awards, it only seemed right to have the women stand with me to receive it. I began to pray and what seemed like an impossible dream became a reality when a very generous supporter gave the entire amount for the whole Jericho circus to come North. I still tear up thinking about it.....it was so amazing to have the two worlds I love so much come together for this special event. Another aspect of the visit that touched me deeply was having Mayra (five years in JM, now our sewing assistant) and Neyda (three years in JM) give their testimonies. It's one thing for me to tell their stories but for supporters to hear them tell of His glory in their lives from their own mouths was another dream come true. They are truly changed women,

living lives that reflect Jesus and it was a privilege to hear them testify boldly to what God has wrought in their lives.

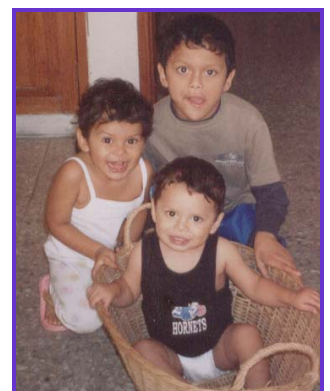
Other highlights from the trip included the incredible fellowship we experienced with so many of you. There are no language, social, cultural or racial barriers when it comes to God's love and we experienced that in such a mighty way. I have experienced that supernatural bonding of hearts before but not to this depth. The photo to the right, kind of symbolizes what we experienced....it's a picture of Gail Mellish (who is known for her amazing hugs) and Noe and Norma in a group hug. If you look with your heart, you can see a fourth person present in that hug.....our dear Jesus. We praise Him for all He did in us and through us in those glory days.



Here is a picture of my daughter Lety (affectionately known as Letuchki) enjoying the fare at our favorite restaurant....Steak and Shake! We all wore the hats and tried to witness to the waitress who seemed excited about having Honduran visitors. She seemed less excited when we spoke about Jesus but we prayed for her before we left and sensed a seed had been planted. God gave us several opportunities to lead folks into His Kingdom during our time North and especially the last day when the group spent three hours on the tarmac due to technical problems with the plane. Rosario led four people to the Lord during that delay.

The final episode that I wanted to share with you was what we call the miracle on 290. On our way to the dinner at St. Mark's in Geneva, IL (which was also a taste of heaven), we were traveling in four cars. Elvia (now highly trained in driving in the US) did not see us get off on 290W in the middle of Chicago. As she passed the exit she realized that the rest of us had gotten off. Elvia, in her unflappable way, began to pray and she says that she then saw another sign for 290 and took it. We met her further up on the road when her toll gate malfunctioned and she had to sit there for several minutes. She was actually ahead of us! When I looked over and saw her there at the toll plaza I was totally amazed! Only God could make an extra exit and then bring us all back together in the middle Chicago!

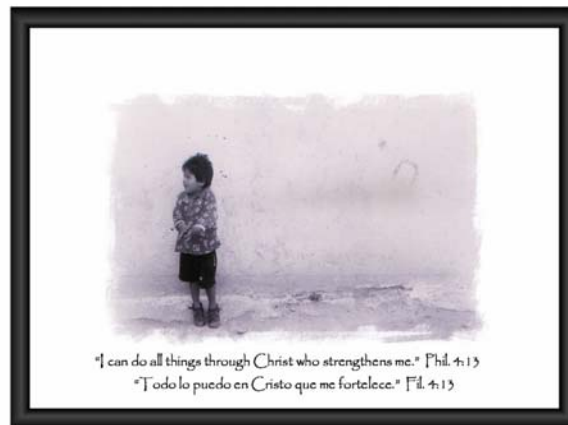
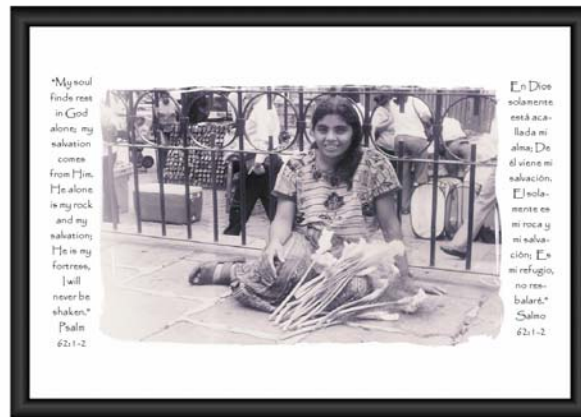
Returning from this dream-come-true to our reality in Tegucigalpa was not the smooth landing I would have ordered. We came back to a situation that certainly seemed like a bad dream. But the same God who makes our dreams come true is with us in the nightmares. Last June, one of our rescued women named Laura, who had been with us for over a year and was doing well and reaching other women on the streets for Christ, got involved with a dangerous gang member and went back to the streets, abandoning her three children in Jericho Kid's Ministries. She returned several days later and we worked out an agreement that we would take care of her kids while she tried to get her life together. When we returned from the States she was waiting for us and told us she was ready to be reconciled with Christ. But as the days wore on, we realized what she later confessed....she was only pretending in order to get her children back because the gang member wanted to have influence over her kids. It was a dark day for us when we handed these three precious jewels over to their mother knowing that they would suffer from the poor decisions their mother was making.



Laura's three: Juan Carlos, Susanna, and Mi-

Laura returned this week with three gang members to assault one of our women on payday. Definitely not a dream come true. But God is already bringing good from it. Several of us went to the government agency called INFA to find out if we can become a child protection center specifically for the children of our rescued women and it should not take us long to be accepted and thus have legal rights over the children who are in high risk situations....like Juan Carlos, Susanna, and Miguelito. And I still hold tight to the dream of Laura and the father of her children, Miguel, marrying one day and bringing up their children with Christ as the center of their household. Nothing is impossible with God. Will you believe in this impossible dream with us?

And this brings me to the commercial part of this letter. Last June, Helen Davis (see group pic) who had been coming weekly to Jericho for Bible Study sensed God calling her to seminary. She had lived in Honduras for over 7 years and decided to take her time to have closure with her friends and family here in Honduras. She told me she wanted to volunteer her last week with us. Did I have something she could do? Helen just happens to be a gifted photographer so she spent the week photographing several of our women with some of their children. The results were amazing and I decided to put a calendar together, much like last year's calendar but this year with photos that are to die for....well at least I think so! Below are some of the photos that are included in the calendar. Roger will let you know how to order them should you be interested in helping us in this way.



Please continue to pray for us! This comes with much love and thanksgiving for each of you!
 Your Betsy (for the Jericho crew!)

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