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## July 2017 – Getting Closer

Greetings to all our supporters and prayer partners! We pray that this letter finds you in good health spiritually and physically.

Rainy season has finally started here in the highlands. It has always amazed me how, with a little bit of water, the deserts of this area of México almost turn into jungles within a few months. It greens up so fast, and if you look close enough, you can almost see crops growing by the hour. My prayer is that the same thing happens spiritually for the people who are hearing the Word week after week in the flea market and in their individual homes.

The greatest highlight of this last month was seeing Nena (Maria de la Cruz) get saved! We had been sharing Christ with her since the very first week we were here and, though she enjoyed listening to the Bible, she had not yet received Christ. Wednesday the 14th of June, Nena's eyes widened as she finally came to grips with the Gospel. As is the case in nearly all false religions, Catholicism teaches that you can never really know if you will go to heaven or not. That night she cried tears of joy after being born again knowing Jesus was not just a savior or even the Savior but her Savior. Since meeting her First Love, she cannot keep from telling people about it! I'm not sure which is growing faster: her or the newly planted fields as they're drenched in rain every evening. She has already told me that several have tried hard to discourage her from following Christ, but she ignores their hateful words. On her daughter's quinceañera (15th birthday), she requested that Alfredo and I pray for her daughter (pic). She is most definitely on fire and wants to be burning for the Lord. Pray that this fire keeps burning hot.

Nena has taken me to a friend of hers by the name of Seve. Seve was born with one leg and one arm shorter than their counterparts and has been picked on severely all her life. She is presently very depressed and possibly suicidal. We have started visiting her every week to share Christ with her. Her neighbors are already aggravating her over this, but she has not closed her doors to us.

Another exciting thing happening is that we are only a few weeks from opening our first official church service. Three or four families sound like they will immediately begin assisting. Pray God gives us wisdom on when exactly to start. Pray God gives me wisdom on choosing their first hymns and what to preach for the first sermon.

Thank you for your prayers for safety on our trip to and back from the US. My sister's wedding went well, and the traveling went smoothly. We also just made a trip to Mexico City to help an American friend who came for a special cancer treatment. Praise the Lord,

### Ortiz Family

#### PRAISES:

Nena's salvation

Safety traveling

More open doors

#### PRAYER

#### REQUESTS:

Timing for opening a service

The right place to congregate

Growth: Hannah and me, Alfredo, María del Carmen, Nena, Rufina, and Maricela

Salvation: Héctor, José, Gladys, Jorge, Sabino & Margarita, Gilberto, Seve, Kristal, Melanie, Roberto, Lucino & Cuca, Arturo, Arnulfo & Lupita, Eliu, Juan Pablo, Carlos, Miguel, etc.

everything seems on track for him so far! Please, pray for Bro. Kenny.

We also need to mention that God sent us our fourth child back in March, but He reclaimed the child a month later. In all the busyness going on at the time, we missed including this news in our last letter. Praise God for His blessings! Hannah recovered much more quickly this time and was back to full strength in only a week or two. Spiritually and emotionally, she is also well, but there are occasional days that are hard. We would appreciate your prayers as we wait on Him.

In Christ,  
Ortiz Family

