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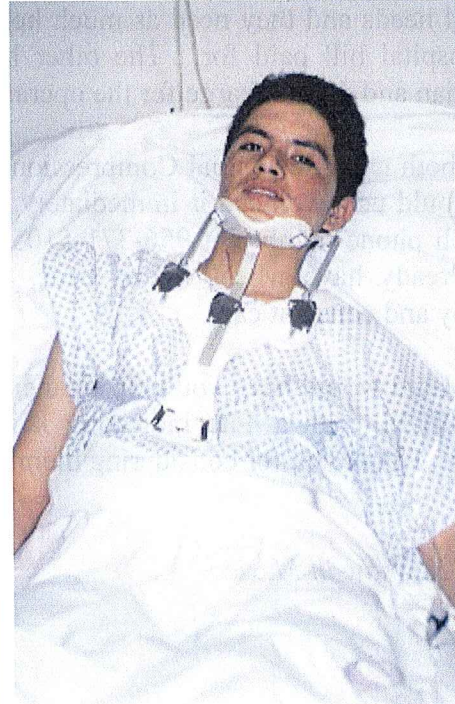
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Special Prayer Letter



Joziel Ramirez - 14 years old



Raul Arteaga, Jr. - 15 years old

Several years ago, we had the privilege of teaching a special class in our Bible College. It was a big class and almost all of the students became pastors or pastors' wives. Brother Raul Arteaga and Brother Joel Ramirez married sisters, Rosario and Maria Elena Pelayo. One became a pastor here in Guadalajara and the other is a pastor in the northern part of Mexico. Each family has two boys. This year after the holidays, they decided to spend some family time together. A horrible tragedy occurred which will forever change their lives.

Joziel Ramirez and Raul Arteaga, Jr., wanted to go fishing. Joel was driving and in the cab of the small truck were the two uncles. In the back of the truck were both of Joel's boys, ages 10 and 14 years old, and Raul Jr., who is 15 years old. The truck had a camper and the boys were sleeping when suddenly a large gas truck hit them from behind. The youngest boy flew out of the back and landed in a ditch, receiving only minor scratches and bruises. The other two boys were not so fortunate.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

When the police came, the truck driver handed the policeman a bunch of money and ran away. After that things got worse. Pastor Joel and another innocent man were taken to jail while the two boys were left dying. There was no hope given for the boys. They were taken to different hospitals and both had emergency operations. During the operations, Pastor Raul, Delia and I went to the jail to get Joel out, but we could not do it. (I won't even try to explain what happened.) We finally got him out two days later.

The boys pulled through their operations, but both are paralyzed from the neck down.

Both of the boys are great Christian kids, who have always been obedient and have never missed church. What a horrible tragedy has come into their young lives! Now they have special needs and they need as much help as our Christian family can provide. One had his hospital bill paid for. The other has not paid the hospital, but the surgeon is a Christian and didn't charge for the operation.

They both need Sequential Compression Devices (SCD) If you have one or know of one they could use, we need it immediately. Please call Jack Henderson at 956-592-1884 or my cell phone number at 956-371-5105. They also need a special room and bathroom. We already have wheel chairs, beds, and special recliner chairs. They need special therapy and constant care.

If the Lord would have you help financially, please send the funds to my mission board, WWNTBM, with a note indicating it is for the accident victims. They need a lot of prayer. Thank you for considering them.

Jerrel K. Shaw in Mexico