LOS ELEGIDOS BIBLE CLUB AKA HOPE ENDURES by LOVING PEOPLE - SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2024

Phil1:3-5

'I thank my God every time I remember you. In every prayer for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now . . ."

time homies "Fuego
in two weeks for our

IGLESIA DEL NAZARENO

TEXTO RAP CRISTIA



That's "Señor F" to the left with one of his longtime homies "Fuego Vivo" on the right, both who will be visiting us in two weeks for our very first evangelistic hiphop concert of the new year in our

community! The banner on the left was a year ago and on that

day Señor F couldn't join us because his flight was held up and he was SO sorry he couldn't make it to the beautiful city by the bay, Ensenada. Artists absolutely love visiting our seaside town, the climate, the food, especially our Christian hiphop guys who arrive from inland. This will be Señor F's first visit to our town and as for Fuego Vivo and Ultra, they both have partnered with us before doing several concerts along with King Real & Yio 4:13, both local artists. Erick Rojas is the rookie...

WE ARE INDEED looking for sponsors to fund our concert and as always we take that step of faith praying that God will stir hearts to join us in this community outreach - I could go on and on how God uses each concert in the most miraculous way, but my favorite testimony is this - these guys come from the same (at times much worse) poverty our kids in the community face each day, and the testimonies and

stories they share how the Lord has used their talents to escape that lifestyle, stirs the hearts of all our kids and all those in attendance, that God indeed has a beautiful plan for their lives if they just surrender to Him . . . please pray that lives are changed on the night of the 24th and more souls are welcomed into His kingdom, the miracle of salvation. . .

PLEASE prayerfully consider partnering with us – our total expense for the concert is \$20,000 pesos (\$1190 dollars) and just yesterday via a text message we sent out (prayer night) we have already received \$200 dollars for the concert, God is faithful! Please notify us if you would like to help . . . God loves HipHop!

Pslm71:15,16

"My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone." Kids say the darndest things sometimes, especially when you least expect it, or, when you're driving through a lot of mud trying to concentrate on not crashing (especially in El Zorrillo) or sliding into other cars . . . it was just three weeks ago I arrived to the community early to pick up kids and I decided to drive by Elias2's (we have two Elias') home first to see if he was ready. He quickly jumped into the shotgun seat and began rattling off this short testimony . . . "You know Walt, before I came to the ministry I was having horrible dreams -I would wake up at 2 or 3am at night after having nightmares that demons were attacking me, and I would wake up crying because I was so scared - my mom would have to come into my room and calm me down, and then one day Jovany (one of our high school kids) told me about the Bible club, and he said I should come so I could know Jesus - Walt, it only took a about a week and those dreams (demons) went away and I now sleep so well, no more nightmares,



man, isn't Jesus Christ the best!!?"

As I was preparing to make a lefthand turn into worse mud than I had just left I said out loud, "Yes mijo, Jesus Christ is the best! And He wants to protect you and take care of all your needs . . ." Elias just sat there with a big smile on his face – I just sat there trying to concentrate on driving thinking, "Lord, you truly are the redeemer and want to save all of our kids at the ministry." God is good, all the time!

Much later it finally sunk into this hardrock head of mine what Elias had shared with me – I am always humbled how the Lord works, even when I don't even realize it . . . God is always on the move.

"Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for me." Pslm66:16



It was also just three weeks ago I started getting text messages (Whatsapp) early Saturday morning, on my birthday of all days! Who the heck was texting me so early not allowing me to enjoy my blessed sleep?! It was this wiseguy on the left, Kevin (12), who just wanted to wish me a happy birthday and was apologizing for not being able to get me a gift because his family didn't even have money for food. I told him "mijo, don't worry about it – just make my day by showing up at bible study tonight."

Minutes later he was asking me if I could swing by and pick him up . . . on my birthday, so early? What was this kid thinking?

He actually wanted me to come by and pray for him because apparently he had lost sight in one of his eyes, how I don't know, but this lazy grandpa on his birthday had no desire (selfish) to drive 30 minutes south to pray, however, anytime one of our kids reaches out we do take it to heart and so that morning on my birthday I prayed for Kevin's eye, then texted him that my wife (sleeping) and I would pray for him again later that morning . . . then he sent this.

"Walt, did you already finish praying for me?"

I told him yes, I had just finished praying for him . . .

"Thank you Walt!! I don't know at what moment but I swear to you I just saw a flash, then black, and after two seconds I could see again, like it never happened (loss of sight)!!"

What I failed to tell Kevin that morning is that I had asked the Lord to do something extraordinary on my birthday, anything, just something to encourage me on my birthday . . .

Here's how Kevin responded after I told him God is the best physician and loves to heal His children, God is faithful!

"Yes Walt, God is faithful! He is the best Lord, our Saviour!"

He then texted me that he felt like crying because nothing like this (small miracle) had ever happened to him before, that he was so grateful.

That early morning on my birthday this gracious kid and our merciful Lord left this self-centered grandpa in tears, because we serve the God of the Extraordinary. . . to Him be the glory!

"Out of the mouth of babes . ." Dana the Dynamo – there is no other way to explain how this kid (10)



prays each time we have prayer group or any other time we ask kids to pray - she is truly led by the Holy Spirit, that is the ONLY way I can explain what comes out of this kid's mouth, sometimes bringing me to tears - she takes each petition she is given to heart, prays for minutes at times when praying for our beloved back home on Friday nights, and sometimes is led to pray for prior petitions we have received - how she remembers can only be explained by the gifting God has given her at such a young age - just last night this kid had me in tears again, I don't remember who she was praying for, but I do remember she was in deep intercession for somebody, as if she was kneeling before the throne of the Lord asking her heavenly Father to move on their behalf. She's also the same kid that loves to raise her hands when were praising the Lord during worship - that's our kid, Dana - please continue to keep her in prayer, that God would continue to guide and use her in a very special way . . . she just happens to be the younger sister of Elias2 who you just read about up top. Please keep them both in your prayers . . .



Sayra & Her Sweet 15 - We had been asking our kid for months if she wanted to have a "Quinceañera" which she kept declining all she wanted was to have the opportunity to dress up and take some nice photos and later have cake and a small party at her home, which she did and we had the blessing of being invited hard to miss her birthday since she was born the day before my birthday - this is the same Sayra who is also our bible study teacher for our elementary school kids - that's her in the bottom photo leading this amazing study (on the beach!) on what it means to walk with the Lord, be led by the Spirit. This kid has also been gifted by the Lord, to teach - some of the lessons she gives to our kids ministers to me and my wife, and she has such a generous spirit always offering sound advice and encouragement to all our younger kids coming up in the ranks this from a kid who was given away at birth to her grandma because her drug-addicted mom who lives just down the block had no use for her. . . our same Sayra who brings home a high G.P.A. each semester and has already told us after high school she would like to attend a local college - please keep her in prayer. She began her walk with us when she was only 10 much like Dana, saw her two older brothers (both with us for years)

take a wrong turn and fall into drugs and alcohol . . . God's perfect will for our kid Sayra, who is a huge blessing to our ministry, even though at times she doesn't think so – that she would continue to stay on the Lord's path – we love this kid . . .



"Those Magnificent Men in Their Driving Machines" - Those two photos to the left were taken almost exactly seven years apart at our ministry center - that group of young men in the top photo are none other than the "Orange County All-Stars", the same guys (almost) in the photo below - they're not getting older, they're getting better, like a fine wine, maybe a step or two slower, but every seven years, kinda like the swallows of San Juan Capistrano, they return to put on a fresh coat of paint on our ministry center, do a bang up job, eat lots of tacos, than drive home to recover (for days) from all their hard work and indigestion.

All kidding aside, these guys have been serving the Lord here in the Ensenada area since forever - I believe I first met them in 2009 at another ministry - there's over a hundred years of God's "good works" in those two photos - these guys minister to the poor all over Ensenada and we thank God that they try to make 2 to 4 trips a year to visit us, our kids, share the Bread of Life, and just do some amazing construction work (shower builds) for those in need. They were here just last week painting for us and we are forever grateful - our place really needed a new coat of paint!

MUCH LOVE and thanks to the O.C. All-Stars!!!

My Wife Maribel - that's her (below) last Wednesday giving this amazing lesson on

the fruit of the Holy Spirit and what God expects of us as we submit to Him and His will, not our will . . . I am SO glad my wife is done with school, now she can focus again on the things of the Lord like teaching, counseling (Psych Major), and even doing radio shows for the ministry which airs in Santa Barbara on 91.9 KCSB-FM and is heard worldwide on the web.

(www.kcsb.org)



She produced her very own show from start to finish (aired this morning) and did such an amazing job for the Lord I think we've discovered one of her hidden talents. That little radio show produced by us (Los Elegidos Bible Club) as led by the Holy Spirit is heard all over Mexico and Latin America — I only know this because some of the artists share with me that "their people" are listening down in Argentina, Columbia, Peru, Ecuador, Honduras, and all over Mexico at 7am each Sunday morning – this was always our prayer for years, that God would grant us the opportunity to minister to His people over the radio, and that is EXACTLY what He is doing. Thank you Lord for using my wife this morning to minister to people all over the world! He is faithful!

TADACH DOCOLIC

Esmeralda - "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted . ."
(Humble Pie) Whenever I'm feeling like teriyaki chicken over white rice I hit this place in Maneadero, Tadachi, just 8 miles south of our home & 8 miles from the ministry center, like yesterday - we had just finished putting on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th coat of paint (I lost count) on at the ministry center and I was so famished I stopped quickly to get a bite to eat only to find out there had been a change in ownership, and the amazing teriyaki sauce they once

served was no longer available - sadly as I walked back to our Ford E350 (gracias Arturo!!!) the Lord (Holy Spirit) spoke to me very clearly, "Go back and pray."

"Pray for who Lord? They don't have the food that I wanted and I'm taking off," was my reaction. As I attempted to jump in my van God said again, "Go back and pray for her."

"I don't want to pray for anyone Lord, I just wanna go home." I was actually having this conversation in my mind like the thick knucklehead that I am, then I finally conceded and got out of the van and went back to the window to order something I probably wouldn't like and talk to a young girl named Esmeralda . . .

"Excuse me, "mija" (beloved daughter), can you please come here for a second? I'm suppose to pray for you, God just told me – what is it that is bothering you or weighing heavy on your heart that . . . "Before I could finish my sentence (I wasn't even looking at her, I think I was looking down) I realized this sweet kid was now sobbing, trying to explain to me through her tears how her husband was battling diabetes at such a young (25) age and couldn't work or do much of anything – this kid was weary and had a heavy heart....

Needless to say I felt pretty lame at that point for not taking the Lord seriously, but was also very humbled and honored that the Lord would use me to bring healing to this kid's heart and God willing heal her husband – as I prayed over her laying hands on her head, Esmeralda would not stop crying – I believe she too was in disbelief as to what the Lord was doing for her, sending a complete stranger to lift her up in prayer – when I finally finished I just offered her words of encouragement, that truly the Lord had sent me to pray for her and her husband, that Jesus loves them both and wants to bring healing — this kid gave me a big hug and still crying (God was healing her heart right before my eyes) told me thank you so much for coming to eat . . . I started laughing and told her, "Ok mija, now make me some good teriyaki chicken over white rice and something for my wife too!"

She finally smiled and said absolutely yes! God is forever faithful, all the time!

PLEASE continue to pray for Esmeralda and her husband . . . complete healing for the both of them.

ALL OF OUR LOVE,

Walt y Maribel y Los Elegidos Bible Club

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