

LOS ELEGIDOS BIBLE CLUB AKA HOPE ENDURES
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Phil: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 . . ."

For ALL of you who have been supporting, praying, and partnering with us to spread the gospel through the ministry God has blessed us with, some of you since day one (over ten years ago), and for those who have been supporting us even before our days in El Zorrillo, even before I met my beautiful wife Maribel (see last photo), we give thanks for all the wonderful works YOU have done thru your unselfish generosity - in the eyes of the Lord you are a true servant in His Kingdom, someone who is wise and obedient to God's call - thank you for being one of our heroes (list of heroes below).

If we could list ALL the amazing "good works" (Eph2:10) you have done for the Lord and the kids over the years, this newsletter would be a novel!

To keep it short, I feel led by the Lord to share what you have done over the years in the lives of two of the gentlemen (our youth pastors) in that above photo (Luis-left, Chuche-middle, Chavo-right), two who have been part of our ministry since 2013, and the reality is that through your generous support and only by the grace of God we have been able to minister to them, stand with them during the good and bad, and even have serious doubts if they would continue on the path of the Lord, only to see them in recent years grow closer to God and finally want to serve Him.

We love what one pastor said years ago, about what it is my wife and I have been doing since He called us to a place called "El Zorrillo":

"When God calls us to serve, He calls us to come alongside others and become part of their lives. He uses us to hold each other up and to help others grow in their walk with Christ. Look at those who surround you, and discern who you need to serve. Deliberately plan to become a part of their lives so that you can fulfill His call."

R.C. Sproul

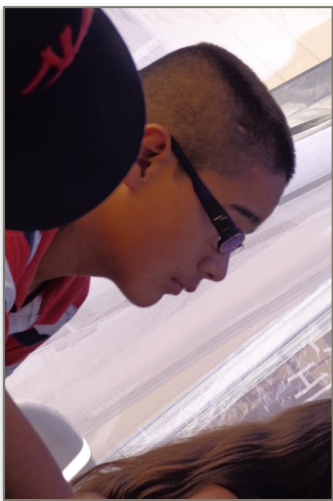
That's all we've done since day one, become a part of the lives of all the kids (over 250 now) who have walked through the doors at the ministry center - there are kids now in their 20s who have finally figured it out (Prov22:6) and chosen to walk with God to the best of their ability, that the best life for them is to surrender to the King and let Him guide their lives - we still see them in the community and others throughout Ensenada.

God has done a masterful work, made possible over all these years through His faithful, generous beloved in the U.S. - I could list a slew of bible verses that speak of all the wonderful blessings He bestows on those (YOU) who have taken that blind step of faith to support His work in our community. Still, one of my favorites for all of you who may never get to visit the kids of El Zorrillo is this one:

"As it is written: They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever." 2Cor9:9

What an amazing promise from the Lord!

That's Chuche on the left (age 12) when I first met him, always shy, quiet, and as he ventured into jr. high his grades took a downturn, decided he would attend the local community high school because his grades kept him out of the more "advanced" schools in the area - we were actually out of touch with him for over two years until he decided to come back to join our soccer team and has been a regular ever since, improved his grades despite all the family upheaval (mom couldn't decide where she wanted to live) he had to endure, saw his older and younger brother go through failed relationships resulting in unwanted children, decided he wanted to go to college (He is so grateful to all who have funded his tuition since day one!), has endured the trials of caring for his niece and nephew at times while pulling down near perfect grades all through college and is now



set to graduate this next semester! All this while being our designated youth pastor along with **Luis** and **Chavo**, leading bible studies and prayer nights, house cleaning at the ministry, distributing food to the less fortunate, and now mentoring are younger guys in elementary school.

Thank you for allowing us to come alongside **Abraham (Chuche)** all these years and being blessed to watch him grow into the servant God had always intended him to be - please continue to pray for him, God's will be done . . .



That's **Luis** (age 13 in the photo) who at the time never talked about his home life with us, even after being a part of our ministry for several years until one night he finally broke down and just said he had enough of his dad being so physically abusive to his mom. Through all that apparent violence in his home, this guy managed to accumulate straight A's year after year, through jr. high, high school, and finally through college (thank you for taking care of his tuition!) graduating just last spring (law school).

Like **Chuche**, he has been through some very hard knocks in his life, the worst being when some very well-connected gambling (cock-fighting) figures wanted to take his life (as well as his family's), threatened to hunt him down forcing Luis to go into hiding - through all that mess we saw a very repentant (he arrived at our home fearing for his life) Luis in tears, several times - he got mixed up in the wrong business. We have seen the Lord use the "messes" Luis has gotten

himself into over the years, only to humble him and build up his faith, driving him to put ALL His trust in the Lord instead of the things of this world. He has become a leader, a youth pastor, an encourager, a teacher, and quite frankly has made our lives so much easier this last year - the same can be said for **Chuche** and **Chavo** (raised in a Christian home).

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of all the lives we have worked with over the years, being able to mentor and raise them in the Word of God - there is no way we could have survived without your financial support and prayers.

My wife **Maribel** (right - graduated two weeks ago!) also says thank you for all your financial support and prayers during her 4-year run at the university. God is good, all the time!!!

Below is a list (in no particular order) of all those who have supported us over the many years (since 2007) with your prayers, your hard-earned finances, and sometimes literally coming alongside us and doing ministry work with us - you have done an amazing job raising so many disciples for Christ. Your righteousness will endure forever!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

All our love,

Walt y Maribel y Los Elegidos Bible Club

The Lord's Honor Roll:

Reality Church, Angela & Maria, Berta S., Jason & Amy, Gil'Bere, Colette, Barcee & Fam, Sean & DJ, John & Kelly, Palica Family, Salazar Family, Jim & Ally, Chris & Monica, Jason & Sydnie, Bob & Jan, Angelo, The McAvoy's, Jason M., Hope Chapel & Crew, Miguel G., Jill & Bryson, Pancho, Cliff A., Al G., June K. & Fam, Tony & Laura, The Kundes, Armando R., Pleuss Family, The Blanford's, Laura P., G. Mahoney, Kimberly W., Zack I. & Fam, Bonnie C., The Aguilar's, Dray M., The Forsythes, Susan B., Susan T., Abby E., David Andrade, Sylvia R., Fernando R., Ron & Nicole, Anthony A., Frank & Priscilla, Lina Hughes & Fam, Art & Denise, The Rucobos, Jesse G., Brandon H., Tyler M., William T., The Mapps, Familia Mora, Penney & Co., Mike & AZ Crew, Miguel G., Joey & Jennifer, Pat C., The Mihov's, Kenneth H., Agnes & Fam, Cherise & Fam, Victor & Karla, Ron V., Lisa P., Anna P., Familia Ruíz, Emily T., The Regans, Patrick R., Mary R., Rick P. & Fam, The Mulhern's, Hoover Crew, Karla K., Trisha & Fam, The Highlands Church, Sandy & Mel, The Sotos, D. Barnes, Jan K., Robert H., R. Stanley, J. Thorton, Terry & Mark, Walt M., Christine W., The Overholts, Bunny M., J. Costa, Eric S., Jim S., Francisco U., Michael N., Katie Ann, Ryan G., Gallegos Fam, The Yundts, The Petrunas, Benner Family, Gail F., Courtney Mae, Knight Family, Jon K., Melanie P.G., Rowe Family, Cheryl S., Art M. & Fam, Leslie Ann, Woods Family.



If we forgot anyone, please let us know - I'm getting old and my memory is fading fast . . . WJR.