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**News from The Mondragón Family** – Magdalena & I drove last month across Mexico to Michoacan to visit my mother who is living by herself. It was also a great time of rest. *(Pastor Chuy & Magdalena Mondragon)*



Rita & Pastor Chuy

**EL REFUGIO SENIOR CENTER**– God is good and so are you! It is hard to believe it has been 12 years since we opened the doors at El Refugio and this year we have 132 stories, all unique with each one bearing their own pain and wounds. Rita’s story is one that pierces my heart. She is 88 years old, my mother’s age. We found her living in the streets, diabetic and unable to use much of her bodily functions. We brought her in to El Refugio and she has been here for 6 years. Three months ago her mood and perspective of life started changing. She seemed depressed, always crying. She asked me if we could find her children.

After searching, we found her two adult children and when we arrived at one son’s home, he immediately dismissed her, saying, “I don’t have time to care for you.” She started to cry and we left. We went to her youngest son’s home and when Rita saw him, she exclaimed, “Son, you are so handsome!” He replied, “I didn’t think you would still be alive.” This broke her heart and mine. She looked at me and asked me to leave her in the streets, but I said, “Let’s go HOME.” For weeks after that, she was very depressed. So we read Psalm 71 three times a day and that brought her comfort. She came to understand that God is her Refuge and has placed her in His refuge where the people around her are family. There are many stories like Rita’s, and God has placed us in this world to show His Love.

Good news! We now have a doctor on staff who works three days a week. Thank you for your continued support to make this possible. We also finished construction on a special kitchen for diabetics! Glory be to God!. *Pray for these seniors, that each need be met according to His riches in*



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*glory in Christ Jesus!*

**News from The Matus Family - Girls’ Abstinence Camp** – Claudia’s cousin invited her to the *Someday My Prince Will Come* camp for the first time this summer. “This camp opened my eyes to see how I have been wrong following my own ways,” she said, “Living in purity is a new way for me. Everyone in my family has either become pregnant out of wedlock or left home to live with a boyfriend or girlfriend. I will make a difference and start living in purity.” It has been a privilege to meet hundreds of girls over the past eight years, each with her own story, and see



Claudia & her cousin

their lives change. This August all 202 girls in attendance stood to their feet and made a choice for purity. What an amazing response! And we especially rejoice that 17 girls accepted Christ for the first time. *Gracias* for your prayers and contributions so these girls can know Jesus as their Prince of Peace.

**Church Youth Group:** It has been an honor to pastor the youth from our church for these past five years. The Lord gave us a word, that we will be a father and mother to many. Indeed, many come to our door needing food, a place to sleep or shower, a word of encouragement and a parent-hug! Isaac is just one of them. His mother was the first in her family to come to church, seeking help for marital problems, and soon

Isaac was coming with her. He has come to know God in a personal way and is walking with Him. But he has deep scars from living with violence, adultery, and abandonment for so many years, and seeks us out often for counsel. *Please pray for us to have the wisdom to train Isaac and the rest of our youth to be firm in their walk with Christ, break the patterns of past generations, and make a difference as leaders who will help others to grow.*

**AMA Youth Center:** It was such a joy to bless 35 children with backpacks and school supplies this fall and watch the excitement on their faces! Over the summer we hosted 80+ kids for a week-long VBS, which was a particular blessing as we lead the church youth to prepare and carry out plans for the week. And we continue to feed 40 neighborhood kids every Saturday as we share God’s love with them. We so want to do more and continue to stand in faith as we await God’s provision of funds to finish construction. It has been many years of waiting, but we claim the promise in Habakkuk 2:3, *“Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come!”*



– It seems that verse in Habakkuk would also apply to our personal finances as our support often seems to “linger” rather than “come”. We are at a critical point, several hundred dollars short of what we need to break even each month. We are sure of our calling and our heart is to remain in full time service, but we must pay the bills. Would you pray with us to discern God’s will at this time and also ask if He wants you to be part of making His provision on a monthly basis “certainly come”? We would love to hear from you. *(René, Ana Cristina, Rebekah & Rakehl Matus)*

**News from The Rivera Family** – It’s that time of year again! It’s time where we shed off the old and prepare for a new season. Autumn, what a beautiful season! After more than 3 weeks Sophia is much better. She went from having strep throat to having an infection in her Lymph nodes. After many antibiotics and an ultrasound, surgery was the only option to clean out the infection she had. We spend 5 days/4nights in the hospital and she always had a beautiful smile for the doctors and nurses. After that we came home! As she likes to say, “all done.” We are all home enjoying family and friends. Thank you all for your love and prayers. God is good. Michelle loves the challenge of being a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader; we are so proud of her progress and accomplishments. *(Miguel & Debbie Rivera)*

**LA PEÑA, THE CITY CHURCH TIJUANA** – We are back on schedule, planning a busy October, November and followed by a busy Christmas season. Church is also going thru autumn, many changes just like the trees, but we are to be pruned to be able to bear MUCH fruit. It’s exciting to see so many people visiting the church. (I don’t think that we go one service without any visitors, even on a weekday service) *Please help us pray as they are drawn to the Shepherd and planted in the church to bear fruit and serve others.*

“LET US NOT LOVE WITH WORDS OR SPEECH BUT WITH ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH.”

1 JOHN 3:18 NIV



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