



We want to tell you the story of two sisters, Kristina and Elvira, and the two paths they chose. Kristina took what the Bible calls the broad and easy way, the way of bitterness and un-forgiveness toward the father that was abusive to his family. Elvira chose the narrow way of forgiveness toward the same man. We had the privilege of raising them both at Lily of the Valley children's home. Kristina was transferred to another home in her teenage years. After she left our home, the resentment and un-forgiveness that she felt toward her father quickly translated into a life of rebellion, thievery and sexual immorality. The last that we have heard of her, she was living under an assumed name and had been thrown into prison.

Elvira chose the narrow way, the way of forgiveness and of the love of Jesus, who from the cross said "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Elvira also chose the path of God's dreams for her life. Three times a week we have the children raise up their right hand toward heaven and pray "God, give me your dreams for my life and the ability to fulfill these dreams." Elvira decided in elementary school that she was going to work on improving her grades. Before long she was earning A's and B's.

These excellent grades continued into junior high and high school. In her last year of high school, she became one of our four girls who received an academic scholarship to study in China. These four girls were four of only six students who received scholarships in the entire country of Mexico.

Upon returning from China to her home at Lily of the Valley, she quickly noticed a handsome young man named Casey, who was working with our handicapped children in a one-year missionary assignment. The friendship with Casey took some time



to blossom into romance, but it did blossom and eventually led to marriage. It was our privilege to have the wedding ceremony on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at our home. It was the way that Casey and Elvira wanted it. It was my (Ed's) privilege to walk Elvira down the aisle with her very father escorting her on the other side. When the minister said "who gives this woman to marry this man?" we both said, "we, her fathers do." This "two-father escort" was a total miracle of God; that Elvira could forgive and be reconciled to her father.

We are saying to you today that if you have resentment or un-forgiveness in your heart toward anyone, learn from the example of Elvira. Forgiveness is God's key to emotional healing and freedom.

We want to thank you for all of your prayers and assistance for the children of Lily of the Valley. Remember, you are a vital part of miracle stories like that of Elvira. The newspaper commented in that the wedding was like a "fairy tale come true". Thank you for your part in this miracle. There are other Elvira stories out there. Please pray about being one of God's instruments toward reaching these children.

God bless you and thank you,

Ed and Rosa Salo

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