



There is a “university” of which I (Ed) am a graduate. Its curriculum is very painful, but its lessons, when learned, generally remain learned for an entire lifetime. This “university” is called “the school of hard knocks.” The kids/young adults that leave go through difficult and painful life situations, they return with a greater appreciation of how good they had it when they lived with us.

Jesus Rascon returned to us as an 18-year-old, having graduated (summa cum laude) from the “school of hard knocks.” Originally, Jesus came to us with his four sisters when his family was broken up by family violence in which his father, Efrain, was the victim. Jesus’ mother would beat his father up to the point of sending him to the hospital. This was a real trauma for all the children.

#### *Praises*

*We had been praying for food and God not only sent food for our home in Chihuahua but also Quachochí.*

After four years, his father took the children out of our home to attempt to raise them as a single parent. Efrain tried his best but had a difficult time raising them. The five children suffered a great deal, but Jesus learned a great deal as well. When Jesus asked permission from his father to return

back to us, we discovered that the Lord had changed Jesus tremendously in the last four years.

Here are three of the major changes:

First of all, he truly appreciates even the smallest blessings in his new life at Lily. For example, food, clothing, and a bed to sleep in.

#### *Prayer Requests*

*Please continue to pray for both of us for strength and wisdom.*

He plainly told the other teenage boys “you don’t know how good you have it. It’s really tough out there.” He has been an excellent influence on the other teenagers because of his humble attitude and willingness to share the hard time he went through and the lessons he learned.

The second major change was that he expressed a powerful desire to go back to school and complete his high school education. I am sure that many of you parents would “give your right arm” for a child who beseeched you for the privilege of going to school like Jesus did with us.

Thirdly, he volunteers and is helping in his spare time to work with the elementary school boys. His responsible work ethic is so beautiful. He has

helped us greatly, especially on the weekends when many of the staff have their days off.

He readily gives God the glory for these changes in his life. Jesus Christ has truly changed Jesus Rascon.

We pray that this testimony gives you parents of teenagers a fresh encouragement. Keep praying and working. Sometimes it takes time for change to occur.

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*Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. Proverbs 22:6*

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Thank you so much for your finances, encouragement, and prayers. In the case of Jesus Rascon, your help has borne fruit four years later.

With love,  
Ed and Rosa Salo

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