



Adeline received her college diploma with a huge smile on her face as her mother and I, and about twenty of her brothers and sisters cheered loudly (I think she received more cheers than any of the other four hundred graduates). As I embraced this beautiful graduate of the University of Chihuahua, who calls me “dad”, I could not help but marvel at the miraculous grace of God to bring this girl such a long way.

Adeline was born 25 years ago in a little town called Coyame just 60 minutes east of Chihuahua City. She knew hardship, suffering, and a lack of basic love almost from the first day of her life. Her mother contracted cancer when Adi was only 4 years of age and she was too sick to do any of the house hold chores or take care of her children; which caused Adeline to take on the responsibility of a mother figure at this young age.

Her mother died several years later after a long bout with cancer. Adeline’s difficult household duties simply continued on. This would have been painful enough for any child to endure, but there’s more. Her father was an alcoholic and extremely violent and abusive. Adeline endured incredible abuse at the hands of her own father until she ran away, fearing that her very life was in danger, at the age of 13. She lived family member to family member for a short time, always fearing that her father would come after her. She ended up in an orphanage very near to Lily (where she accepted Christ as her savior). Although it was a good orphanage, Adeline had a dream which she formed into a daily prayer. She prayed for a mother and father that would really love her.

I (Ed) visited this orphanage about once a month with many of my children from Lily, taking food to the children of the orphanage who were our friendly neighbors (the orphanage was only about 3 miles away). In my visits I was always very much impressed with Adeline, who was 17 at the time. Her friendliness, responsibility and Christian maturity were very apparent and she always asked to be able to live at Lily. One day, I was surprised to hear that the Director of the orphanage was turning back his teenage girls to child protective services because his orphanage was over crowded. We normally don’t except teenage children, preferring to raise the children from preschool to elementary school age. However, I felt an immediate strong impression to accept Adeline and welcomed her into our home. It was one of the best decisions I’ve made in my life.

She immediately became a daughter to us and we became the parents she was praying for. After she turned 18, she stayed on with us as a helper and continued her education. Several American Christians committed them-

selves financially to send her to the University of Chihuahua. Now, five years later she has graduated with her degree in Accounting and she is going to stay on with us to help with the children and with the Office Administration Accounting responsibilities. And there is more, she is now going on to attain her Master's Degree!

Someone like Adeline, all she needed was an opportunity, like a football player, she took the ball and ran with it, accomplishing her goals. What I said to the American's who helped her, I also say to you. There are many Adeline's living on the streets in Mexico, living in the cold of the mountains, or even now living in our home itself who just need a chance. They are hungry for the love of God, they are ready to change their lives and want to fulfill their dreams. They just need a home, love, prayer and money.

Danny and Victoria (from our orphanage) are now graduating from high school and want to continue on to fulfill their dreams by also studying at the University of Chihuahua. If you are able to make a difference, like those who sponsored Adeline, by sponsoring Danny (he is already sponsored for University, PRAISE GOD, but still needs to be sponsored for books and transportation) or Victoria (she is in full need of a sponsor) to continue on at University, please personally contact our main office in San Diego to review details on how you are able to commit.

Main Office Number - Elena Mendez: 619-425-0300 (all your contributions are tax deductible – please specify how you want your donation distributed).

If we give them the "ball" they will run with it. As Jesus gave us the gift of life by dying on the cross for our sins, let's give these Mexican children a gift of an opportunity by getting involved and helping. We will be amazed at what God and they can do!

God Bless you and thank you for your help and prayers.

Ed and Rosa Salo

How can you support us?

If you feel lead by the Lord to support this ministry, donations can be made to our San Diego office, marked Lirio Chihuahua or Lirio Guachochi. Thank you!

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