



# Graduation CELEBRATION!

We would like to share our joy with you and boast about our children who have recently graduated. Today was Celena's high school graduation, we are very proud of her and thankful to God for allowing us to be part of her life.

Celena grew up in the town of Guadalupe and Calvo, nine hours from our home here in Aldama. Guadalupe and Calvo is a town filled with violence and drug trafficking. (For those of you who want to visit us our home is very peaceful. Remember I said that this town in nine hours from us). Her father was murdered when she was a baby. Her grandmother, Ethel, is a tenacious hardworking woman of God. She raised Celana from a baby and taught her to dream God's dreams for her life. Celana's dream was to become a doctor. Her grandmother Ethel contacted us and asked us to help Celana fulfill this dream.



Ethel had two concerns. Her family was relatively poverty stricken and did not have the finances for a Medical School Education. She was also concerned because of the violence in the town in which they lived. She didn't want to see her experience the same death as her father.

Ethel approached the local authorities and we were contacted for further help. We received Celana with open arms and very soon after her arrival the Lord caused us to ask if her grandmother could work for us at Lily of the Valley. Ethel said yes and we have been blessed with a dynamite granddaughter and grandmother combination. Celana graduated from High school today taking second place in the local academic competition.

She also passed her entrance exam for Medical School (people studying to be doctors in Mexico go directly from High School into a seven year program which includes college and

Medical School). Through the help of local friends, she is receiving a full scholarship to attend the University. God is so good! He truly is the father to the fatherless.

We are also very grateful to God for our other children Juan, Ricardo and Alondra who just finished their junior high school education. Here in Mexico that is a high accomplishment! We are looking forward to them also moving onto higher education.

**Jeremiah 29:11**

***For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.***

God Bless and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We want to express our gratitude to those who donate to this ministry. Words can never express what we are feeling towards those who give out of your love for our children. It is through your giving that we can continue to extend our hands to so many needy children. Without your help we cannot possibly do it. We love you and thank you.

Ed & Rosa Salo



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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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