



Every child needs a father. How exciting it was Sunday morning when we went to church and they were celebrating Father's Day. After the praise and worship, they called all the fathers to the front because they wanted to honor them. But to our surprise Ed was truly honored when he alone received a superman cape (saying SUPER PAPA LALO), which embarrassed Ed very much since he doesn't like to be the center of attention.

It was really special to have all the children run up to him and give him hugs and hold on to him, he was the only one who received all that attention and the congregation began to applaud. But of course, Ed gave all of the honor to God, he applauded Him because without the help of the Lord it would have been impossible to do this type of ministry and for so many years.

Being in orphan care ministry for the last 19 years, we see and know the importance of a father figure in a home. It is very difficult for mothers to raise and support a family without a good father figure representing God as our Father. Most of the orphanages are run by single women and Ed and I have seen the need of good Godly men within these homes. The children need to see a Father figure so that one day they will know what it is to have responsibility and leadership as a father and can live in security of the encouragement they received from their father figure. This is our prayer request to you.

The father gives leadership, example, identity, security, approval, confirmation or correction. Ed has been a father to these children giving them the approval, security and example (even an example of a husband to me) so that the older children who have been here for a while have already learned what it is to be a gentleman. They see how Ed gets up every day before daylight to intercede for each and every one of the children. Ed has been an example of the Word, as a man, and of love and compassion.

He takes the children every Sunday to give food to a woman who has five adult children with Cerebral Palsy and he blesses them with this and prayer. Ed has taught the children to have compassion on the needy and to reach out to those that are destitute. Ed has shown them by example that you take your shoes off your feet and give it to someone walking in the street barefooted. Or take his coat and give it to someone who doesn't have one. The children would ask, "why did you do that papa"? and Ed would always say "he had no jacket on and it was cold, I have one back at the house" when in reality that was Ed's only jacket. But God is always faithful and hours later someone would come to the house with a donation of a new jacket.

In reality Ed is in fact our SUPER DAD!

I would encourage you men to look for those children within your very own church who have no father and to reach out to them. Take them to your home on a Sunday afternoon and show them the love of God, mentor them. The world is waiting to lure them into drugs, drinking, and gangs (which the un-mentored child sees as a potential family). These gangs give them a distorted identity; make them feel needed and wanted, part of something. But we all know it's a lie, they are not family. It is the responsibility of the church to reach out to the orphan children! Where is the church?

Thank you to everyone who has given generously for the Guachochi home, the inauguration for the new building will be late August, early September. We are still in need of shelving for storage and space to organize food, kitchen needs, and clothing.

It is our prayer that all fathers had a wonderful Father's Day and were honored by your wives and children.

Thank you and may God continue to Bless you!

Ed & 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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Our Mission: Showing God's love as a Father to the fatherless, seeing children's lives changed by this love and then sending these children out to serve the rest of the world.

Because of God's love and the generosity of people like you, we have been able to reach out to hundreds of children, changing their lives, encouraging dreams and creating men and women of the Lord, with a future where they always strive for excellence.

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