



Baptist Bible Fellowship International

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THE REST OF THE STORY

This is an excerpt from our prayer letter dated February 2006, "Glenna for years has wanted to go caroling at Christmas time. The children and some of the young people from Church dressed up in representation of the manger scene, Joseph, Mary, Shepherds, angels and wise men. We took to the streets with Christmas tracts in hand praying to have a good response. After walking and singing for a couple of hours we returned to the church where the rest of the church had prepared a Christmas supper. We are still praying that someone will come to church from the testimony presented while caroling."

In our last prayer letter we told how Juan has been coming to our church for two years and how he made a profession of faith. We also asked prayer for his wife, Maria, who is 80 years old, Juan is 87. Maria has been accompanying Juan to several of our services and has had many questions. She told me, "this is going to take some time, Pastor, 80 years in the Catholic Church is no small matter." On another occasion Maria asked me, "Pastor, for years I have prayed to Saint Cayetano, patron saint for work. Do you think that the reason I have always had work is because of the Saint." I explained to her that no statue of wood, plaster or rock could ever provide work for anyone. A few weeks ago Maria fell and hit her head and had to have three stitches in her nose and fractured a couple of ribs. Brother Caggiano went by to visit her after her accident and she had more questions. She asked Pastor Caggiano, "Is God punishing me for leaving the Catholic Church after all these years?" He assured Maria that God was not punishing her.

A few weeks have passed and Glenna went to visit Maria last Thursday and she made a profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Glenna said she prayed the sweetest prayer. The doctors had told them both to stay close to home during the winter months and not to get sick, especially while Maria recuperated. So they haven't been to church in about four weeks. Yesterday the 13th of July was Father's Day here in Uruguay. Glenna took all the children from our church and went to give Juan his Father's Day present. Later during the service Maria came to church and in the invitation she came forward. She said, "Pastor, I am so happy, I feel so good and changed since my decision to receive Christ as my Savior."

So what does Christmas caroling have to do with Juan and Maria being saved? While we were caroling that day in December of 2005, Juan and Maria were taking a walk and stopped to listen while we were singing in the plaza near our church. Someone from our group gave them a tract and as a result Juan started coming to our church. This is what Maria told us when we asked her how they came in contact with our church. The tremendous lesson in this story is that you never know, maybe only eternity will reveal, what the result will be of giving a tract to someone. We should never underestimate a word of testimony, a tract or a portion of scripture placed into someone's hand. Thank you for praying for Maria.

Friday of last week we were in our second winter youth retreat and we passed out over 2,500 tracts and gospels of John and Romans. We are praying that this work will also produce results such as we have seen in the lives of Juan and Maria.

Thanks for your faithfulness,
Jesse and Glenna Parnell

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Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Seminary Classes
- ◆ Services in Salinas
- ◆ Work at our Camp:
Dorm room enlargement
Electricity installation

Praise

- ◆ Salvations: Juan and Maria; David and Moses young people in our church

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We will be in the states from around April 15th to Sept. 15th. Contact me if you would like for us to be in your services while in the States.

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