



LOS ELEGIDOS MINISTRIES - FRIDAY FEB 7, 2025

Beauty for Ashes . . . (Isa61:1-3)

"Those two "beauties" to your left in that photo are our kids Kimberly (13) and lil sis Samantha (12), who were very excited to find out they are in the "running" to receive a brand new built home upon the property their dad owns by our very good friends (since forever) and neighbors back in our part of town, El Refugio Ministries, which also rescues young girls out of horrific situations.

My wife and I have had the blessing of taking care of our "mijas" Wednesday through Friday at our home since dad works two jobs to maintain his family - their mom abandoned them almost two years ago and it hasn't gotten any easier for dad and the girls."

That's how I started a newsletter from November regarding two of our kids who "might" get a house built, it's always in God's hands - I just told them to keep praying, keep asking, keep knocking, and let God do the rest. We had prayed a month before at that same spot as we moved a ton of rocks (by faith) just in case God gave them favor with the house-build handled by a christian church group from Canada . . .

True Testimony

"Oh, Canada!" It was the summer of 2000 and I had heard enough "gibberish" from hyper-charismatic/pentecostal circles that I really didn't care much for them anymore, leaving a whole slew of friends behind based on that type of behavior . . . however, one morning I got a phone call from a friend who lived in Neepawa, Canada (Province of Manitoba), who had a friend who had never met me yet was saying her best friend had a "Word" from the Lord for me.

My immediate thought was, "Oh goodie (sarcasm here), here we go again! Somebody is going to tell me that God wants me to do such and such and, yeah, whatever..." and sure enough, her friend got on the phone and immediately started praying in tongues!

I don't have **anything** against God's people praying in tongues, I do it all the time. However, if you are going to pray out loud (I *never* do that unless God gives me interpretation) I hope that you are also going to interpret (1Cor14:27,28) otherwise, keep it to yourself. For me, it is a very personal and intimate prayer *only* between me and God.

Here is exactly what she said back in the year 2000, "Mexico . . . you will bring healing to your people." I could NOT believe what I was hearing! This *was* the real deal, and I was so shocked I asked her, "Sweetheart, can you say that again - I'm not sure if I heard you correctly?"

She prayed in tongues and said once more, "Mexico . . . you will bring healing to your people." That's *all* she said, and then mentioned I hope this speaks to you . . . HOW did she know that I had already been to Mexico on mission trips a few times (even my friend didn't know), and how did she know that I really felt a connection with the people of Baja Mexico, specifically Ensenada, a place where I "felt" the Lord was leading me to serve?

I was so excited I told her, "Thank you so much sis! Thank you for being obedient and sharing this with me and shoring up my faith in the gifts of the Holy Spirit!"

Fast-forward to last Monday when the group from Canada showed up at, that's right, the property of Kimberly and Samantha to build a new home! THIS group mentioned they were all from Manitoba, Canada, from different churches - the group of 15 also shared they had spent thousands of dollars on flights to reach us here in Ensenada, and the youngest I believe was pushing 60 - the rest were in their late 60's, the majority in their 70's, and I believe there was an 80 year old with them!

This group worked from sun up to sun down, never complaining, and after the first day of work and breaking bread with them, the Lord reminded me of the girl from "Neepawa" (a small town near Winnipeg), the one who had boldly proclaimed that God was taking me to Mexico - God nudged me to share this with the group the next morning . . .

Tuesday morning - At morning prayer before our work day started, I got to share with the group how this young lady had spoken to me about God's will for my life, how HE was leading me to Mexico - they all recognized and knew of the town of Neepawa! I shared with them how in the providence of God, it was the Lord who had sent a very young lady to prepare the way for me, to encourage and send me to Mexico, to Ensenada, to purposely send me and my wife to the community of El Zorrillo, so we could specifically meet and minister to two (at the time 10 & 11 years old) young kids who desperately needed a home, and in God's infinite wisdom, He had chosen these 15 brave soldiers for Christ (Team "Abuelo") to come all the way from Canada, the province of Manitoba, I'm calling them the "Neepawa" team, to minister and build a beautiful home for our girls. God's ways are so much higher than our ways, His thoughts so much higher - throughout the day each "abuelo" came up to me and said the same thing, it truly was the Lord who had brought them here, and the story about the young girl who had spoken to prepare the way for them just encouraged and filled them with much joy, that God had chosen *them* to bless Samantha & Kimberly - I had explained earlier that morning that it wasn't me who was bringing "healing" to God's people in Mexico, but it was who I was bringing with me, the Gospel, the Living Legend and the Almighty Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ, the Healer of all men - to Him be the glory! God is good all the time!



On the day of the dedication of the new home (Thursday) for Samantha & Kimberly & Dad, we all stood there (20+ photo, right) in a circle and passed the keys around to their new place, each sharing what it meant to be able to partake of the Lord's work - what an honor and blessing it was, especially for the group from Canada who had come so far. Several of our kids from the ministry helped out during the week, but in the end everyone gave glory to the Lord.

As the family walked into their new home for the first time (they were kept away the latter part of the day), they found most everything brand new (some used furniture), new paint, new beds (bunk beds), new kitchen counters with a new mini-stove, new blankets - they were overwhelmed by the generosity from our Canadian brethren - they even purchased for Jose (dad) a brand new tool bag with brand new tools for his construction job! The first thing I noticed was the warmth in their new place - the shack they had been living in for years was freezing cold at night (photos on 1st page).

The biggest joy I had was seeing how God had brought everyone together to get this specific work done, and bless these two girls who have always had a special place in our hearts since we first met them over two years ago . . . (Update) Saturday morning I had to drive by their new place to make sure their dad knew about the electrical connections that had been left by the work crew - they invited me into their home and the first words out of Kimberly's mouth were, "Walt, we are not cold anymore. It is so warm in our new home, no more gusts of air coming through all the cracks and holes of our old place." God is good all the time - to Him be the glory . . .

All of our love,
Walt & Maribel & Los Elegidos
Construction Crew, El Refugio
Construction Crew, Team Abuelos aka
the Canada Crew aka Team Neepawa
p.s. We know of so many families in

our community (some from our ministry) who could use a new home like the one built for S&K - please let us know if you would like to fund one (roughly \$10 to \$12 thousand dollars)

p.s.s. We also built for S&K a brand new bathroom and shower facility - the Lord provides.



"The Shack"



S&K standing on the new slab



"It's Too Early to Work Crew"

