

LOS ELEGIDOS BIBLE CLUB AKA HOPE ENDURES by
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Matt 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Precious memories (today via Facebook)...

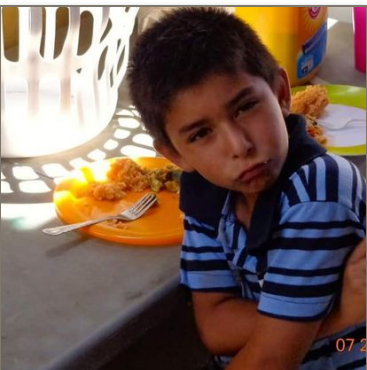
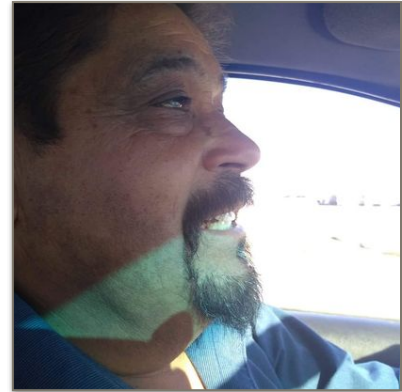
"When God calls us to serve, He calls us to come alongside others and become part of their lives. He uses us to hold each other up and to help others grow in their walk with Christ. Look at those who surround you, and discern who you need to serve. Deliberately plan to become a part of their lives so that you can fulfill His call." R.C. Sproul

That photo (top-left) is our amazing Honda Element . . . she gave us 250K plus miles before she went (sold) to serve another family here in Ensenada.

Last time I saw her (few months ago) she was still running strong thanks in part to our amazing faithful mechanic, "Macho Camacho", who my wife and I met way back in 2012, who made several trips to our home over the years to service our cars whenever we were stuck somewhere, who charged us prices so low we couldn't help but pay him more each time he made repairs - Macho Camacho, who asked me to pray for him on several occasions over the years when I visited his shop (photo) - like the time we prayed for peace & comfort because his wife had left him (2 years after we met) with all the kids, or the time we prayed for his teen daughter (15) just after she left with an older guy to live in Tijuana, or all those times we prayed fervently that somehow God would provided a solution for his teeth (they were falling out rapidly - diabetes), and the Lord answered when a well-known specialist we got to know from San Diego came down and outfitted him (and a slew of others) with a whole new set of teeth for free! God is faithful!

That's Macho Camacho (photo-right) driving off the day he received (after enduring months without teeth) his full set of brand new teeth! I can recall him being so happy because now he could finally chew real food again . . . It was just over two years ago I tried calling him to see if he could once again service our car - I was so sad to hear that he had lost his sight and his son was now running the shop - we continued to pray for him, and only last year when I went to get our van worked on, his son told me his dad had passed away - we were deeply saddened by this.

Our prayer had always been that he would get to know the Lord, and we ministered to him as God gave us opportunity . . . please pray for his family, he was barely over 40 - we praise God that HE allowed us to come alongside to pray and intercede for our friend all those years, and the best mechanic ever, "Macho Camacho" . . .



Four years ago a tragic auto accident took the lives of a bunch a youth from our community of El Zorrillo - they were all (13 in the vehicle) traveling to a soccer game and running late, so their coach for whatever reason decided to pass another vehicle on the infamous blind curve just as you leave our community, and she was met head on with another smaller truck - everyone was thrown from the Ford Explorer except one, and the smaller vehicle burst into flames - after receiving a frantic call from one of our kids, I was told Gael (photo-right, black shirt) and Eduardo (left photo) had died instantly. My wife and I could not believe what we were



hearing, so I drove down to the accident scene and when I arrived there were bodies still lying by the road.

Eduardo was 14, so was Gael . . . we had JUST finished playing soccer with Gael two nights before during Men's Fellowship, and now he was suddenly gone. We had been inviting Eduardo to return to the ministry for over a year with no luck - Gael remained with us off and on for years. Those two photos were taken when they were both in elementary school, the year we first met them in 2013.

That day four precious kids including their two coaches died instantly - another player, **Angel**, passed away days later from injuries - all of our kids grew up with all of those kids in that truck, and a whole community was in mourning. Only two days later we attended four wakes, and the next day we could only attend one burial, that of **Gael**. My wife was so heartbroken she stayed home, still mourning their loss, then this happened—>>>

(a Facebook post about the tragedy)

A precious brother and his wife were so moved by the Holy Spirit, they sent an abundance of funds to bless the families that we knew personally - when I went to visit each family it was amazing how God used this opportunity to minister HIS love to them.

Over the next few days we did a lot of praying with each family, blessed them with whatever needs they had, and God in His infinite wisdom allowed us to share the gospel with ALL of them - a lot of tears were shed each day we went out, and when we finally had the opportunity to take **Gael's** siblings, God did the miraculous - just nights before, the Lord gave me two dreams about Gael, and each time I saw him, he had a smile on his face and a soccer ball in his hand and was standing in the New Jerusalem, motioning me to come join him - when I shared this with his siblings, **Alexis, Alondra, Melissa and Martin** (above photo, to Gael's left), who had all been a part of our ministry for years, they all broke down crying . . . I then challenged all of them to walk with the Lord, that their brother was waiting for them in heaven and he indeed was in a BETTER place.

Please continue to pray for the brokenhearted - each year they all go to the place of the accident where there are memorials set up for each kid, and weep and hug and remember their departed loved ones. **"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."**

We know that the Lord can exchange beauty for ashes . . . the Lord has anointed us to preach the good news to the poor, to help heal the brokenhearted, and set the captives free . . . To Him be the glory.

All of our love,

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p.s. To ALL those who have supported my wife and I over all these years and have prayed for us - thank you for coming alongside us, holding us up, becoming a part of our lives, and allowing us to minister to the brokenhearted - the Lord heals . . .

"As it is written: They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever..." 2Cor9:9

"Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do." Deut15:10

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will reward them for what they have done." Prov19:17

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matt25:40

"The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." Prov11:25

To our generous brother who blessed the families of those who lost their sons last Saturday, I could only wish you were standing beside me when I presented each with the blessings you sent. The moms, grandmothers, and aunts who were present at the time were deeply moved and humbled by your generosity. I was able to pray with all of them, share the gospel with all of them, and also weep with them over their loved ones.

The Lord hears the cry of the brokenhearted, and heals.

All of our love,

Walt y Maribel y Los Elegidos



(photos: **Gael** on the far left at Men's Fellowship, just before we headed out to play soccer, two nights before the accident; to the right, my beautiful wife Maribel with Gael at her right at our soccer team banquet made possible by our beloved sponsors from back home.)

