

As Missionary Rey Villarreal's wife, I want to thank each and every one of you for reaching out to help us during one of the most difficult and trying times in all of our lives! Many of you have gone to the Throne of Grace on our behalf, for which we are ever so thankful, your prayers mean more than you can imagine. Truly, we are honored to have you in our lives. Words cannot express enough gratitude for all the love that you have shown by writing letters, emails, text messages, phone calls, etc. .... Many of you have been very generous in giving to help us with all our medical bills, as well as for all the traveling expenses involved, what a blessing!!!

I can honestly say that what happened on September 12th has been one of the hardest trials that I have ever faced on the mission field, more so physically and mentally. Till this very day I have flashbacks of what happened, but I am reminded of all of the Goodness and Grace the Lord bestowed upon us through it all. As I look back it still amazes me to see how the very Hand of God was upon His servants every step of the way, every time we needed encouragement and strength from Heaven above, it was given to us.

As I look back, I would like to just share a few blessings. When my husband was still in ICU in Mexico, I will NEVER forget when 3 young men showed up looking for me. They brought their wives and children to the hospital; they had tears in their eyes as they asked what happened? You see, Bro. Rey had led all 3 of these men to the Lord before they got married, they were gloriously saved and are now as families they are serving in different Baptist Churches here in Mexico. You can imagine the JOY that filled my heart as they reminded me that Bro. Rey had led them to the Lord and was very special to them☺ To God be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!!!! These are rewards that will be added to your account for having a part because you are Co-laborers for Christ.

Another blessing that came my way, was being able to lead a soul to the Lord in the midst of this hardship. As I returned to the hospital one day, early in the morning, I was feeling down and I felt as though my strength was almost gone. I started having a pity party for myself, but then I remembered that I am the ONLY one invited to this pity party! So, I began praying while I was on the elevator, "What should I do Lord, I don't like this sadness that has come over me, I need your help, please show me what to do to get my mind off of all of this tragedy that has hit me" Then with a still small voice Jesus told me, "Ask Me for a soul today!" I was reminded of the people who are suffering all around me, my heart saw the need and I surrendered and said, "Sí, Señor!" Well, to my surprise within minutes I met a middle aged lady who was hurting terribly and I shared with her that there is Someone who really cares and wants to reach out to help her, if she but gives her heart to Him. Well, she did and she GLORIOUSLY got saved right there in the doorway of the restroom, right around the corner from the waiting room, WOW! Our God does amazing things,☺ I can't explain the joy that began to flood my soul. Her name is María Elena. A few days later, she chased me down in the parking lot and showed me what she posted on Facebook, you wouldn't imagine how I felt when to my surprise, she had taken a picture of the Scripture writing on the outside of our suburban taken from John chapter 3 stating "Ye must be born again!" She

wanted all of her family and friends to know what had happened, isn't that wonderful? The change that God makes in a life😊

In closing, I would briefly like to update you on my husband's recovery. We stand amazed at what the Lord has done, almost all the brain-fog has subsided, this is due to your prayers, thank you so much! Bro. Rey has an appointment scheduled to see a surgeon, possibly in February, who will determine whether he needs surgery to correct his hearing loss. So, we ask that you continue praying for his healing, our GOD can heal, we serve the Great Physician. Also, I would like to mention that due to Bro. Rey's diabetic condition, it has left him partially blind in the right eye, so I am doing most of the driving now.

Please pray for our safety as we have plans to return by bus to Encarnacion de Diaz, Jalisco, Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our people are anxiously waiting for us to be together, being that we have been separated for 3 months now. We purposely held back from returning to the field, due to the advice from the Trauma Team of doctors at Scott & White Hospital in Temple TX. Rey's recovery has improved a lot and now we wait on God's direction for our lives.

**We pray that you all have a most blessed and wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Years!!!**

Your Missionaries to Mexico,  
Bro Rey & Sis Julie Villarreal