

# Ortiz Family



Serving God in  
Arandas  
&  
San Miguel el Alto,  
Jalisco,  
México

## DROP TOWER

Dear family, we need your prayers. We would give in otherwise. People say that ministry is like a roller-coaster. Lately, not even that sounds accurate. How about a drop tower? If you don't know what I mean, you can look it up. Basically, it is an amusement park ride that raises you up and not only lets gravity pull you down but pulls you down with a vengeance so the G-force is more intense. After the drop, it pushes you back up at the last second and drops you again. For a moment, your heart visits your brain, then your brain sinks down to visit your heart. We have had skyscraper victories followed by plummeting trials, then the experience repeats itself ten times over. There were two moments of victory worth all the moments of trials.

Thirteen-year-old Cristofer made a profession of faith last month. He is the son of Trino whose funeral I preached a couple years ago. Trino died of an overdose, and no one told Cristofer until last month because he was in an orphanage until that time. I had a tear-jerking conversation with him, and we rejoiced in the hope that even though the circumstances of his father's death were dark, Trino had professed faith and had seen some progress before his final relapse. Since I believe the fruit of salvation is not seen in snapshots of a believer's worst moments but a video of his overall growth, I could give him hope. Only God knows what happened in his heart, but salvation by grace always gives some level of hope.

The other blessing was the salvation of 84-year-old Maria. We have been able to bring her to church in her wheelchair off-and-on for over a year, but just last month after a sermon on our Kinsman Redeemer in Ruth, she publicly called on Him with tears to redeem her. She happens to be the great-grandmother of Cristofer. They're three generations apart, but both were born again in the same month! Again, this is worth all that follows.

Last report I mentioned the neighbor problem involving the property line. We were able to make some progress by involving a mature sister in Christ as a conciliator who is respected by both parties. We agreed on having someone professional come measure, but when the time came, the neighbor would not show up. She then threatened that she would bring her father to straighten things out, so we had our conciliator witness come as well. The father came and was thankfully not biased. He chiseled out a 6-foot rut in her wall (pic) so we could see how far off the wall was

### PRaises:

- Salvation of Cristofer
- Salvation of Maria
- A donation for the roof of the church
- God's protection
- New opportunity to teach in a prison

### PETITIONS:

- Neighbor's repentance
- Builders' problem
- Cesar and his family
- Bike issue
- Growth in newly saved
- Baby's SSN

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