



"Keep on sowing your seed, for you never know which will grow—perhaps it all will." Eccl. 11:6

June 2010

Dear Prayer Team

On a frigid, blustery, snowy morning last January, we were sitting in our living room, recalling our years of ministry, as we prepared for an interview for a documentary for our church. We were considering one of the questions....."What results of your ministry are you still seeing today?"

At that very moment, we received a telephone call from Chicago. A voice in broken English asked, "Have I reached the home of Roy and Ethel Nelson?" We immediately changed to Spanish, and for the next half hour Virginia Licardie unfolded her story.....

(Virginia, her husband and (now) married children, have been living in Chicago since 1992). But this day in January, she found us on the internet and placed the call. She told us excitedly, that when she was 13 years old, she and her mother attended the first church we planted in Guatemala in 1969. There, she accepted Christ as her Savior and Roy baptized her. (After a few months, Roy and I left that church with a national pastor and we moved on to another zone of Guatemala City to plant another church). Virginia lost track of us, thinking we had left Guatemala permanently. Recently, in Chicago, she was telling her daughter about her conversion 40 years earlier, and wondered 'if the Nelsons would still be living'. Her daughter found us within minutes!

In 1992, after serving the Lord for several years in Guatemala, Virginia and her husband and children moved to Chicago and eventually established a growing Hispanic church there. Virginia has a Christian Daycare Center, and her husband manages a Christian Bookstore.

A few weeks after the phone call, the family drove to Ohio and spent a weekend with us, showering us with gifts, preparing delicious Guatemalan meals for us.....but most importantly, they just reminisced, fellowshipped and prayed together with and for us!

We receive similar calls or messages fairly often, and have the joy of reconnecting with people whose lives we (sometimes unknowingly) touched in years past. It will be exciting to meet these people again in Heaven some day! God is so good to allow us flawed human beings to help bring about His kingdom!

A couple of weeks ago, as Roy experienced some chest pain and spent a night in the hospital, we contacted United World Mission to ask for prayer for a scheduled heart catheterization. The Mission sent the prayer request to UWM missionaries around the world. One interesting reply came from a missionary in Costa Rica, whom we have not met. An excerpt from the missionary's letter follows:

".....In an odd coincidence, one of my wife's best friends here in Costa Rica is the daughter of Nere Duarte, a Guatemalan man who now leads the region for World Vision. He told me that he became a Christian under the Nelson's ministry, and asked if I could give him contact information for the Nelsons".

Meanwhile, it is our privilege to continue to help with the ministry that our sons and grandson have in Guatemala (HOWW Ministries). Mostly, we help with translation of teaching materials used for the children. The "Adventures through The Bible" series, 150 Bible stories written by Eileen Oswald, a retired UWM missionary, is now being used in Africa, Russia and other countries, besides Guatemala.

Prayer Concerns:

- Ethel's brother, Clarence, who is struggling with cancer
- Funds for printing the "Adventures Through The Bible" series
- HOWW Ministries
- Box 552
- Burleson, Tx. 76097
- Our personal support. We lack \$200.00 a month, as our reserve fund at UWM will soon be depleted if we don't raise the extra monthly support. God is faithful! Thank you for praying.

Your Missionaries,

Roy & Ethel
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