

# CARTA DE ORACIÓN

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*Psalm 126:3 Great things the Lord has done with us; We will be happy.*

## **we praise God**

God our Lord has been good to us all these days, at every moment we have been able to see his hand. In the midst of daily trials and struggles, his love has been manifested over each one of this family, we do not have to pay for his kindness and mercies. To Him be all the Glory!

## **Testimony**

Dear brothers, these months on God's path have been to strengthen our faith and dependence on our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

As I mentioned in a previous letter, our little son Augusto, almost 13 years old. he had been constantly bullied at school. Nohemí and I oriented him, prayed and guided him in that disastrous situation, at the same time that we went to the principal's office to request that these actions of 3 of Augusto's classmates be stopped. The director held a meeting with the parents of the 3 boys and us. And incredibly everything got out of control, the children and parents threatened us with death; Augusto, Nohemí, me, the director and his secretary. They almost beat us and the assistant managers had to call the police to put a stop to so much violence, they yelled at us for everything, humiliated us and other things that you can imagine. It was a very difficult testing time. Meanwhile, the 3 of us prayed to the Lord to give us his grace and to calm those people down. The director urged us to file a complaint with the authorities, which we did not do, he immediately went to file the complaint because they threatened to "shoot him" when leaving his shift, just like us.

Since March 5, we have had to take Augusto out of school and it has not been easy for him and us, since he is very sad for not attending and not seeing his classmates. We have had talks with the principal, he is very scared and with all his rights, we will definitely change his school and shift.

On the other hand, Isaac our eldest son is about to finish high school, he already took his first entrance exam to the university, and he did not pass it. He has two more chances left.

I share the following information to give you an idea, 145,000 students apply their admission exam for 1 of the 3 public universities in the country and they only have 13,000 places.

For all those who are left out (which are many) the option is to study at a private university, a matter that is not easy economically speaking. And the other is to abandon your dreams and start working in a company.

Nohemí was invited to share the preaching at a women's congress on May 20, where they expect an attendance of around a thousand women, with the verse from Genesis 2:22

For my part, this semester I stopped teaching at the School of Ministries to focus more on discipleship and biblical counseling in both groups of Ajusco and Iztapalapa.

On March 18, we celebrated the first year of life of the group that we started in Iztapalapa, a year already so fast!, of much blessing and work. About 100 people attended and we had the opportunity to speak to them about what Jesus our Lord did on the cross for them.

On April 30, we celebrated another anniversary of the church in Ajusco and many new guests arrived, whom we were able to encourage to visit and get to know us.

Sonia is a 46-year-old single mother, she has 3 daughters, one of them is addicted to drugs and the other is dedicated to stealing from houses. Sonia has sought us out because she has her own problems apart from these problems, since she also suffers from violence from her daughters. Nohemí and I are giving her Biblical counseling and praying for her.

Juanita suffered a half-body paralysis due to a beating her husband gave her, the doctors have treated her and we, doing what we can for her, lost her left eye. She is recovering very quickly and thank God she is starting to walk.

Jonathan is a 32-year-old who uses drugs and causes many problems for his family, he has come to us for help, we are with him and asking God for his mercy on Jonathan's life.

Alicia, a 65-year-old woman, lost her husband 18 months ago and was very sad. A year ago, her 11-year-old granddaughter died of a bacterium in her blood. She has been attending with us for a few months and we see her more responsive and focused on what God wants from her life every day.

Anyway, dear friend, Nohemí and I continue in the work of the Lord, by his grace. To Him be the glory and praise.

Pray for us because we feel somewhat exhausted, attending a church and planting another is quite a challenge. Although before we did it more easily of course, it seems incredible, but it is no longer the same as 20 years ago.

- Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoon we attend the group in Iztapalapa
- Wednesday, Friday and Sunday morning the group in Ajusco

The distance we travel back and forth between one place and another. It is 73 kilometers, in a time of 4 hours of travel due to traffic.

I am telling you this because we believe that this is actually what is wearing us down the most. Thank God for the car that our God has lent us, pray so that; we can always keep it in optimal conditions, the daily provision for fuel, and may God keep us from any accident.

**Pray for:**

- The education and life of Augustus.
- A place for Isaac at the university and may God give us peace regarding his future.
- My vision and new glasses, since I need to renew them.
- Wisdom and compassion for those who come to us in need.
- May God grant us to speak his word boldly at all times.
- May God provide a refrigerator "since the one we had died" 3 weeks ago.
- The people that we are discipling for the ministry, who are encouraged to serve and follow Jesus with all their hearts.
- Jonathan and Alexis, two missionary boys who were supporting us during April. May God bless you greatly.
- The addiction RECOVERY seminar that I am giving to 16 people, may God work powerfully in their lives and be free.

Beloved, we pray for you, your life, and family. Always very grateful to God for everything he does with you and through you. May our Lord Jesus Christ always grant the desires of your heart.

The invitation to visit the two groups that we pastor continues to stand. I hope you get the chance to meet them.

May the peace, love and mercy of God always be with you. Amen

Always **with love and gratitude**  
**Nohemi and Cesar Marin**