



LIVING HOPE

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Faithful friends and family,

This past month, we've been reflecting quite a bit on our journey here in Mexico. It's been a calling we've faithfully pursued, even during the challenging moments when the path wasn't always clear. Susy and I had to lean entirely on Jesus for strength and guidance. As we approach Living Hope's 30th anniversary this year, I can't help but marvel at how far God has brought us.



Thirty-eight years ago, when Susy and I were starting out in missions and focused on church planting in Oaxaca, Mexico, I wouldn't have imagined that God would redirect our path, and use us to rescue vulnerable children from desperate situations. Yet here we are, because He led the way, reaching more than 700 children and currently caring for 115 children at the orphanage. All the glory goes to God.

Take a moment and read how Susy has been reflecting on this incredible journey.

Leaving a legacy isn't about letting the past define our future. I know because I've lived it. Growing up, I didn't understand hope, until God saved me. His grace washed away my pain, showing me a way beyond my past. And if He can heal me, I know that He can heal others too.

God, the father of the fatherless, has a heart to heal and guide His children. Our role in the lives of the children being rescued is big, but it truly can be as simple as being ready to offer encouragement, to remind them of their potential. I saw this need in a young girl who arrived at Esperanza Viva after having survived a traumatic experience. We were all gathered together at the youth home for a big family-style party, yet she was off to the side, alone. She was sitting on a swing, but not swinging. I knew at that moment that she needed to hear that she wasn't alone. I remember feeling prompted by God to tell her that she was free to have big dreams for herself. This moment was one of many small, yet life-changing moments that God has used our obedience to speak truth into the depths of the children's souls. It is a wonder to witness how God's grace is sufficient for each and every one of us.



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Many of our kids at Esperanza Viva, were once victims themselves, and now they have the opportunity to thrive. Their lives have a purpose, even when it feels impossible. God provides the strength to persevere. As we obeyed God and started the youth home, our own children flourished alongside those we rescued. Starting the youth home wasn't without its challenges, but God's mercy was evident. Now, we have had the honor to witness an entire generation who has been redeemed. Many of the first children that came through the youth home are now adults, with families of their own, and they're productive, fulfilled, and faithful followers of Jesus.



Witnessing the growth and success of both our children and those we've rescued fills me with gratitude and reaffirms my belief in God's plan. But our work isn't done. I pray for the next generation, for signs and wonders, for wisdom to navigate a world that opposes truth. They were born for such a time as this, equipped with wisdom and revelation to overcome.

As we faced countless moments of doubt and temptation to quit, we pressed on, knowing that quitting was never an option. Our perseverance was not just for our sake but for the children entrusted to us and for the generations to come.

There are times when the urge to quit is strong, but for a mission as significant and urgent as this, we must push through. We've learned that through persistence and trust in God, the impossible becomes possible, and lives are forever changed. We're building a life that honors God and raises a generation that will live a legacy of God's goodness...

We've taken some time to reflect and share stories that have been significant on our 30-year journey in ministry. Below, we've included a link to a video that serves as a testament to God's unwavering faithfulness throughout our three decades of service in Mexico.

Thank you for walking alongside us. It is a joy to serve God and others and to continue to do so for as long as we can, as best as we can. He is our living hope and the foundation of all we do.

- Jerry and Susy McNally.

[Join us as we retell our first 30 years of legacy](#)



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