



Manos de Dios, Hands of God Ministries

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*Facilitating education for Native youth and
advocating for LIFE*



Alejandra turns 18!

What a miracle
for a physically challenged child
to thrive and grow to the age of
18! Alejandra suffered from the
effects of a tainted vaccine at the
age of two and has been unable
to eat normally, hear, walk or
speak ever since. All praise goes
to God and this dedicated
mother who has prolonged this
young lady's life and even al-
lowed her to thrive!

While caring 24/7 for Ale,
Margarita works as a seamstress
plus cleaning houses and
preparing meals for sale.

Thankfully, God has laid it on
the hearts of *Manos de Dios*

and some of our contributors to financially support this precious family in the barrio
of Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico! She receives monthly assistance to (see pg 2)



***Alejandra celebrates her 18th
birthday with dress and cake made
by her mother, Margarita!***

**“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall commend Your works to another and
shall declare Your mighty acts.”**

Psalms 145:3-4

Praises and Prayer Requests for Margarita.....by Lucy



Alejandra at age 18.

help pay the rent on her house, cover some of her utilities and help with medical expenses. Alejandra recently qualified for intensive therapy at Teletón Rehabilitation Center in Hermosillo one week a month. This treatment is a blessing as it strengthens Ale yet the trip on a bus from Puerto Peñasco is a huge challenge for this single mother. Margarita suffers from intense back pain due to lifting and carrying her child. Her 2003 car (donated by a Manos de Dios supporter years ago) is not reliable nor plated properly to travel across Mexico (see prayer requests).

Margarita is joy-filled and so grateful to God for all He provides for her! Her re-occurring phrase is "Gloria a Dios" (Glory to God)!

Praises

- ◇ For life and good health for Alejandra!
- ◇ For God's love and provision for Margarita & Ale's needs
- ◇ For the therapy Ale is receiving monthly at Teletón and the opportunity to continue indefinitely!
- ◇ For a safe, comfortable home for Margarita and Alejandra
- ◇ For a church fellowship to worship and grow in the Word

Prayer Requests

- ◇ Primarily for God's will to be done in Margarita and Alejandra's lives!
- ◇ Healing and pain relief for Margarita's back
- ◇ A solution to the arduous monthly trip to Hermosillo: possibly someone to accompany M & A on the bus and assist with transfers and travel challenges **OR** another vehicle so that Margarita might drive themselves to Hermosillo avoiding the difficult bus trip



Pastors Pat & Gerry and Casey, worship leader with Margarita & Ale

Girls are growing up!...by Lucy

“And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6 (ESV) Amen!

We are loving watching what God is doing in Thearsa, Naomi and Drelyn as they mature!

Thearsa struggles with some issues and has bravely said she wants help. So, we are diligently taking her to meet with professionals who can help from medical, emotional and spiritual aspects. Praise God for the progress Thearsa is making and the joy that fills this young lady!

Naomi has found the love of music and singing! She is thriving as she performs, takes voice class at school and practices guitar on her own. Her confidence has grown as she learns of a whole new world of theater and music!

Drelyn completed her first semester of college at Northland Pioneer College. In the fall she joined me at a wonderful women’s retreat in the mountains outside of Springerville. We worshiped, were taught by two marvelous women speakers, took a trail ride on donkeys and enjoyed encouraging fellowship with godly women!

Please continue to pray for these young ladies that they will *seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness!*



Lucy, Thearsa, Naomi, Dennis and Chaco



Lucy and Drelyn with international speaker, Ceitci, after a women’s conference in Springerville.

Sharing love, hope and options on the sidewalk....by Lucy

Each week Pro-Love sends out a recap of some of the clients we encounter on the sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood in Tucson. We ask for prayer and share their stories. Here is a sample of one day's encounters:

- *"T" stopped to listen when I asked if a free ultrasound would be of help to her. She shared that she is not in a relationship right now and is here in Tucson only temporarily. She said she was at PP to "get information and then make a decision." She said she would consider parenting her child but knew it would be hard. I asked about her faith walk and she offered that she is Catholic and believes in God. We talked about children being a blessing and a gift from God, none of whom are mistakes. She agreed and we talked about the possibility of making an adoption plan. She declined the free services at Hands of Hope pregnancy center* (at least for today) but promised to read the items in the Undecided Gift Bag and adoption brochure. I asked if I could pray with her and she readily agreed. We both had tears in our eyes as she hugged me and turned to enter the clinic. Please pray for "T"!*
- *A couple was walking into the clinic when they stopped to receive the "Free Gift Bag with helpful pregnancy information" I offered. They were having an ultrasound today and would make a decision about the life of their baby. I quickly told them about Hands of Hope's options counseling and the idea of an open adoption plan. They politely thanked me and entered the clinic.*
- *"E" sat in her car for at least 10 minutes before getting out to go into the clinic. She came over to the sidewalk when I called out to her with a friendly hello. "E" is 8 weeks pregnant and her husband, "A", is active Air Force stationed at Davis-Monthan. He wants her to get an abortion. He says he's not ready for a baby and has things he needs to do before starting a family. "E" and "A" have been to Hands of Hope but he still is pressuring her to abort their baby. She was at PP today for her ultrasound. We talked about this baby being hers, too, and that she can choose to not have an abortion. We talked about the aftermath of having an abortion that many women suffer. She would have to live with this the rest of her life. She agreed heartily. Also, I mentioned that sometimes one spouse pressuring another to have an abortion can cause irreparable stress on a marriage. She said, "And then where would I be without my baby or my husband?" I gave her an Undecided Gift Bag, an adoption agency brochure, and a Father of the Baby Gift Bag that she promised to give to her husband. "E" thanked me so much for my encouragement and she appreciates the prayers I promised that we would be lifting up for her, her baby and her husband. Please pray!*

Lord God, we lift these clients to You! We ask that You break through their fears, concerns and selfishness to reveal Your good plan for life. We pray that You would strengthen men and women to choose life for their baby even when it is difficult or inconvenient. You are the God of the impossible and will make a way when we trust You and follow You. We're asking that You be a very real presence in their lives and that You draw each of them to Yourself. We trust You God! In Jesus' name! Amen!

*** for more info see www.HandsofHopeTucson.com**

Looking back and forward.....by Dennis

2018 was a year of successes, challenges, accomplishments and setback. Now at the end of the year it is a time to appreciate family and life and a time to reflect on those who did not make it. And 2018 is a year, as is every year, to **thank God for all the blessings** He has given us, even though we have faced difficult times, and for the times He stood by us even when we chose to ignore His wishes. Thank you, Jesus!

I, **Dennis**, was challenged when a few people did not agree with some of my articles and others ask to be dropped from my email list. Fortunately, Jesus has taught me to accept rejection with humility and the desire to consider different opinions without prejudice.

Lucy is challenged every time someone going into the Planned Parenthood (PP) clinic refuses to acknowledge her friendly greeting or accept a packet of information that might help them make a more-informed decision about the services they are seeking from PP. Some clients and passersby even reply with vulgar remarks and hand gestures. When confronted with these attitudes it is vital to stay positive and Christ-like because we know one of the choices being made on that visit would result in the taking of a life!

Manos de Dios was blessed with having Naomi and Thearsa advance to the next grade at Desert Christian School while Drelyn graduated and began her college education at Northland Pioneer College in Whiteriver. Riscilla made it through her first year at Northern Arizona University (NAU), which was a positive. But, her grades were not good enough for her to return in the fall, a setback for her and us both.

Life and family are important. We were blessed to have relatively good health and no serious problems sprang up in 2018. We were blessed to have a wide variety of family around us including Lucy's dad, John, who lives with us. Lucy's Dad and other blood relatives, our Apache girls and their families, host parents to our girls and former host parents, Lucy's prayer partners and the Pro-Love team along with my men's group, and supporters of Manos de Dios Missions made up our extended family in 2018. Lucy and I are blessed to have the forgiveness of God through Jesus when we stumble and the Holy Spirit's reminder that we are precious children of God!

Personally, I am not praying that things will be better in **2019**. ***What I am praying for is that I will be able to handle whatever the Lord chooses to send my way, blessings or challenges, in a manner that is pleasing to God and to accept His ways without complaining. If I can follow Proverbs 3:5-6 it will be a more blessed year!***



Lucy and Dennis

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

LIFE!



...the theme of our ministry! Girls' lives, family life, the fellowship of believers living life together, saving lives (both babies and mommies & daddies) on the sidewalk, sharing the Giver of Life– JESUS– with those who God puts in our path.

We are so blessed! A close, loving family, sisters- and brothers-in-Christ who sharpen, challenge and encourage us, Apache girls who will most certainly make a Kingdom impact, and the wonderful opportunity to live our lives surrendered to what God has for us! We are eternally grateful to the individuals, couples and churches that believe in the mission God has laid on our hearts and who support Manos de Dios ministry prayerfully and financially. May God bless you and pour out His favor on you!

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” John 14:6

“All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was LIFE, and the LIFE was the light of men.” John 1:3-4



**Thanksgiving family gathering at our daughter
(Megan) and son-in law's (Regan) home!
Regan, Lucy, Priscilla, Elvira
Marilyn (Regan's mom), Dad, John, John V, Dennis
Megan**

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