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Samara enjoy devotion time with caregiver Regina. Growing in faith and love—Nataly, Ely, Olinka, and

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Seeing God's Faithfulness Across Generations

In the 90s, God led my dad, Jerry McNally, along with Elias, a local pastor, and a group through the mountains of Oaxaca's Mixteca region. They had been walking all night through rain and hail, and even Elias, a man used to the mountains, was ready to stop and rest. But they pressed on a little farther—and just ten minutes later, they arrived at the doorstep of a man named Nemesio.

That night, Nemesio asked them to share the Gospel with his neighbors, seven kilometers away. God healed the neighbor's mother-in-law, and the entire family came to Christ. From that encounter, Nemesio started a church in Providencia, a tiny mountain village in Oaxaca with fewer than 100 people at the time. Beginning ministry in such a small place made the work even more remarkable—every person mattered, and the impact of the Gospel reached every family. What started as a simple outreach grew into a faithful community, showing how God can do extraordinary things even in the most remote and humble places.

The way my dad and his ministry partners connected with the people in the village was nothing short of miraculous.

Nemesio faithfully shepherded the congregation until his passing in 2023. Since then, Living Hope has continued supporting the church through Sunday services and weekly Bible studies. Nations Church in Puebla has been blessed to walk alongside them throughout the years.

Nemesio had a deep desire to see the church continue to grow, encouraged by my dad during his last months on earth. Today, his legacy lives on: his son, Eliel, recently sent his oldest daughter to Nations Ministry Institute, a training program of Living Hope. She is preparing to return and bless the very church her grandfather helped establish, continuing the work that began decades ago.

Stories like Nemesio's and Heidi's remind us why we keep pressing on—to spread the Gospel, equip the next generation, and walk alongside churches across Oaxaca. God is faithful to establish His kingdom, and we are grateful to be a part of what He is doing.

*Special Message from Josh McNally,
Lead Pastor of Nations Church*



Church planting outreach in a mountain village in Oaxaca, 1990.

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This is my story: Cris

CRIS'S JOURNEY: FROM STRUGGLE TO HOPE IN GOD'S PURSUIT

"God has pursued me, shaped me, and given me hope. Today, I can say with confidence that I will leave Esperanza Viva with a future." —Cris, 15

"Here I am, sitting outside right after lunch. It's quiet; no one else is around. I take a deep breath, and peace settles over me—not just around me, but over this whole place. As I exhale, I know deep down I am here not by chance, and not even because I wanted to be (at least not at first), but because God relentlessly pursued me.

He allowed challenges in my life from an early age. At just seven years old, I was worrying about and caring for my mom while she went through chemo. No child should have to see what I saw at that age.

But even then, God was pursuing me. He cared for me deeply, never letting me out of His reach. I think I felt His presence even before I understood what it really was—until coming here.

That's how God gets our attention many times. He allows the impossible, the unimaginable, so that we have no choice but to reach for Him to carry us through.

When my mom recovered, life didn't suddenly get easy. My parents divorced, and we struggled in poverty, just me and my mom. By the time I was 11, I was already working more than full-time and earning about \$10 USD a week. But I didn't mind—I believed it was worth it.

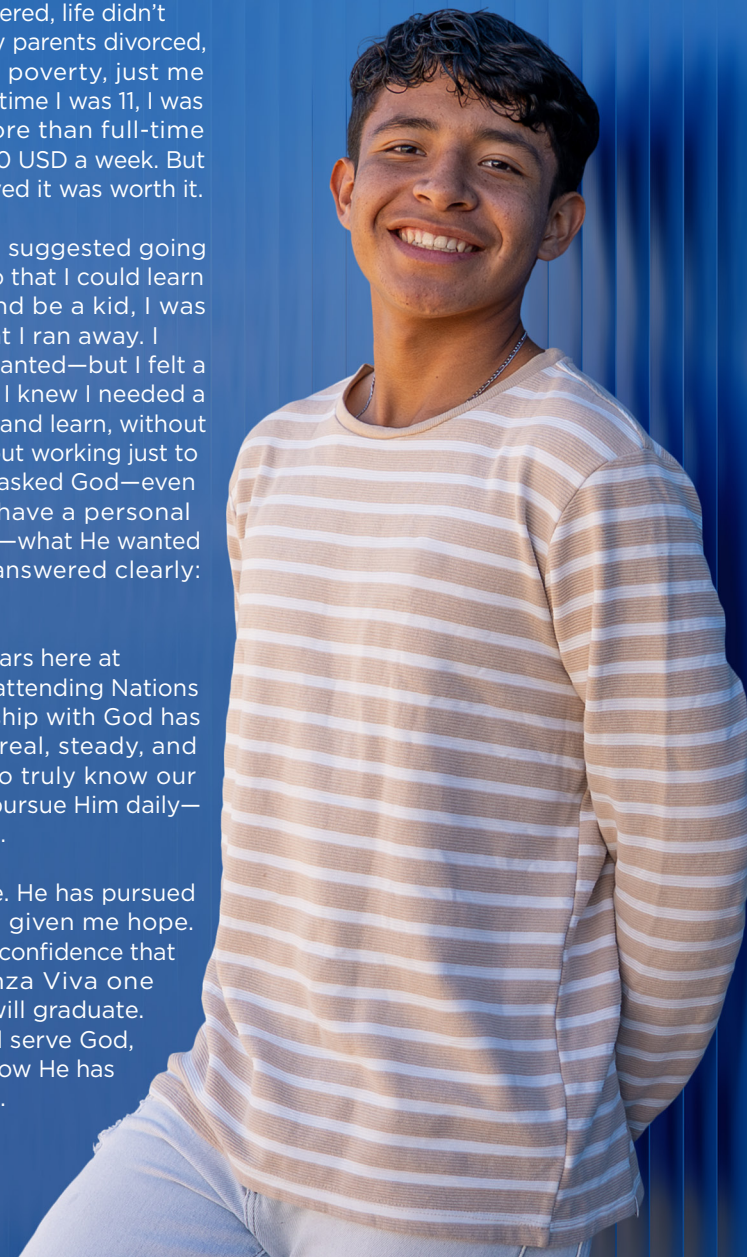
At the time my mom suggested going to Esperanza Viva, so that I could learn to read and write and be a kid, I was so overwhelmed that I ran away. I didn't know what I wanted—but I felt a heavy weight on me. I knew I needed a better place to grow and learn, without needing to worry about working just to survive. Eventually, I asked God—even though I didn't yet have a personal relationship with Him—what He wanted for my life. And He answered clearly: Esperanza Viva.

Through my three years here at Esperanza Viva and attending Nations Church, my relationship with God has grown. It's become real, steady, and constant. Because to truly know our Creator, we have to pursue Him daily—just as He pursues us.

God has changed me. He has pursued me, shaped me, and given me hope. Today, I can say with confidence that I will leave Esperanza Viva one day with a future. I will graduate. I will study. And I will serve God, sharing with others how He has transformed my life.

My prayer is that others will experience the same pursuit of God's love that forever changed my heart."

- Cris, 15, child from Esperanza Viva Youth Home



Changed Lives, Lasting Impact

These stories show how God meets people in the middle of their everyday lives. Some have found healing, others have discovered purpose, and many have experienced the simple joy of knowing they belong. In all of it, God is the one moving—meeting us where we are and drawing us closer to Him.

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"When I first enrolled in the Institute, I was shy and introverted. But over time, I experienced something incredible—God began to heal me and give me boldness. This change in me was so powerful that it completely transformed my life. I found my purpose and realized that, with God's help, I can achieve my dreams."

— Maye, Nations Institute student

"I came here carrying the weight of abuse and addiction. God freed me from an abusive partner and helped me overcome alcohol. My son has found hope and healing too, learning to trust God and walk in freedom."

— Martha, Nations Church member

"The time I spent in the Institute completely transformed my life. God has healed my past, taken away depression and anxiety, restored my relationship with my parents, and filled my heart with a peace I never thought possible."

— Didier, Nations Institute student

"For me, this church has been a place of healing. Life has had many challenges, but coming here reminds me that God is faithful and always present."

— Sarahi, Nations Church member

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Nations church "Encounter with the Cross" retreat



Worship moment, Nations Church in Puebla



Gathering of village churches in Oaxaca



Church outreach visit to San Martin Esperillas



Baptisms at Nations Church in Puebla

Sponsorship is more than support—it's giving a child safety, love, and a future in Jesus.

Every day, kids at Esperanza Viva Youth Home are growing, learning, and discovering God's love through the care of generous supporters.



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Whether you attend a benefit event, connect through a virtual event, or help spread the word, together we're helping children learn, bringing healing to hearts, and seeing faith take root. Every gift, prayer, and act of support multiplies the impact, creating hope that reaches far and wide.

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