

# January-March 2021

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In 2018, while evangelizing house to house, Grace and Peace met Cecilia, Margarita, Yaniris and Josefa, who is their mother. That day, Margarita and Yaniris accepted the Lord. We took their information, then went back a few days later to help plug them into a local church. Josefa, a practicing Catholic, took the 3 girls to the Catholic church faithfully when they were growing up and she was very resistant to any new church. That day, we decided to start a discipleship class with them instead. In most cases, we encourage anyone who is Catholic to continue to go to their church. We want them to come to the realization that going to a local church where everyone is born again on their own. The class ran most of 2018 and 2019 but by the time COVID hit in 2020, only Cecilia was attending. COVID shut everything down, so the class with Cecilia was put on hold. In June of 2020, the government here lifted the curfew, so Keila went by Josefa's house to check on them. All four

asked her to please come back and start discipling them again. Even though Cecilia came faithfully in 2018 and 2019, we realized that none of them truly understood salvation. Although Josefa was the most resistant when we started in 2018, when Keila returned in June of 2020, all 4 had developed a sincere hunger to learn more, including Josefa. Each week we went, we noticed they were not quite grasping the Word. Then, in January of 2021, G&P provided each one with a workbook about salvation. On February 3, 2021, when Keila came to the part in the workbook where it finished explaining how to make the Lord your Savior, she looked up at them and one by one asked, "Would you like to accept Jesus Christ into your life?" They all said, "Yes." From what we can gather, because they knew the Catholic doctrine, this new doctrine just wasn't making much sense to them. The workbook on salvation provided them with something they could go back to read and reread. It finally clicked

with them.



**Cecilia Beltre Feliz**

This is Cecilia. She is 35 years old. She told us she didn't pray with us the first time we came to her mother's house in 2018. She said after that visit, she resumed going to the Catholic church with her mother on a more regular basis. She didn't understand salvation until Keila started the workbook with the four of them this past January. When we taught her that through salvation, the Lord would protect her, guide her, and she had the promise of going to heaven, she said that's what she wanted more than anything. When we spoke with her a few weeks ago after the Discipleship class, we



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asked for an update on her life. She said she asked the Lord to help her finish her house and little by little He began to open doors for her to earn money to do that. And now, she said she has complete peace in her heart knowing she will be going to heaven.



Josefa Feliz

Josefa Feliz is 62 years old and has been raised Catholic her entire life. She didn't really want Keila at her house teaching her girls in 2018 because what Keila taught was contrary to her being taught that you can earn your way to heaven. She was glad the class ended with Cecilia when COVID hit. Then at the end of 2020, G&P was blessed with the funds to hold medical community outreaches. We had 2 volunteer Christian doctors that went house to house with us helping those who were going without their medicines because of the pandemic. We went to Josefa's house. She said that day she knew there was something to the salvation message we were preaching because we were providing all of her children and her children's children with the medicine none of them could

afford. Her salvation has assured her a place in heaven and that's all she wants, is to be with the Lord when she dies.

In the next newsletter, we will give you the stories of the two other ladies who gave their heart to the Lord on February 3rd.

## THE WIDOW PROGRAM

The food provided to our widows is a lifeline to many of them. You would have to see the poverty up close in order to understand the desperation the poor Dominicans feel, some going a few days without food, and that was before the pandemic. The elderly suffer the most. We fully understand what the food and medicine means to all of them, but to us, if they don't know the Lord, that becomes our focal point with them.



This is Widow Maria Estella Balbuena in the dark top. Widow Dorcas Mateo in the white and grey top ministers to new widows when they do not know the Lord. She also takes the Word to our widows who are invalid. Maria grew up with no religion whatsoever, which is quite unusual as most of the Dominicans relate to being Catholic, even if they don't practice. Maria received her food as soon as we finished her orientation, which can take anywhere

between 30-90 days. In her case, everything was cut and dry so we put her in right away. Then we sent Dorcas to minister to her. Maria was very resistant at first, but as Dorcas shared the Word and explained salvation, Maria's hard exterior began to crumble. We don't think words are necessary when you look at these next four pictures.



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