



*Let your Light so Shine among others
That they may see your good works -
And glorify your Father in Heaven*

Matthew's Gospel (5:16)

"I came to heal the broken hearted" - Jesus - (Luke 4)



Meet **Yamileth** (rhymes with 'omelette'). She's 16 and no longer homeless

Yamileth was born in El Salvador, a tiny country wedged between Guatemala and Honduras. El Salvador has the world's highest rate of murders... Last year gang members from MS-13 nearly killed Yamileth's mom. On short notice Yamileth was fleeing for her life. Her mom and a few family members walked to Guatemala. There they joined a 'caravan' headed north. Yamileth became separated from her family in the middle of Mexico. Lost and alone, she spent 9 months as a homeless teenager.

How did my wife and I meet Yamileth?

A Lightshine team traveled to Rosarito, Mexico in late April... 8 men from the Methow Valley, giving of their time, talent and treasure to build an addition at a quality orphanage (Ninos Con Fe; 'Children with Faith). In June, the child protection service of Mexico started placing children in that new addition. Yamileth was one of the first 15 children to finally have a home. She had been taken into custody by the Mexican police, and then transferred to a 'holding area' (like a jail). Yamileth had a long, lonely wait for a new start in life!

Many of you donated funds to complete construction for our project. Yamileth and many other children THANK YOU for investing in their future. Grisela and I met Yamileth in July, at Ninos Con Fe. We spent several days with the nearly 40 children who live at Ninos Con Fe orphanage, near Rosarito, Mexico.

What is your favorite ice cream? (*que sabor de nieve quieres?*) That's what I asked Yamileth on our final day. Smiling, she replied 'chocolate'. My wife grew up in a nearby town in Mexico. She knew just what to order! And as we spent the afternoon with Yamileth, Grisela encouraged her to share her heart; her dreams, her sadness and fears. To open her broken-heart. And during that special time together, Yamileth prayed her own simple prayer, inviting Jesus to come into her life. She took a key step on a path of hope and healing. In July alone, five (5) children committed their lives to Jesus Christ, to trust Him as Savior, Lord and Healer.

You can help Yamileth (and the other children @ Ninos Con Fe). School starts soon in Mexico! September is a time when orphanages have extra expenses Shoes and school clothes; books and school supplies. But these kids also need quality caregivers and professional counseling. They need regular support... to provide food, lights, water, and the basics of life.

We are praying for another team to make a trip to Mexico! Our team of Methow Men did an amazing job in April-May! But there is more to do! There are just two bathrooms for 40 kids. Rough-in plumbing is already installed. Finish-work needs completion. If you feel called to help, there's LOTS to do!

Turn the page! See the enclosed flyer for specific ways you can help change a life!

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