



Christ the Light of the World International

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the Light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."
John 8:12

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Answered Prayer

Hello Everyone! We have been talking about prayer and I have asked some friends to give testimonies about their prayers. This month we have Sharon Martin's story. We hope this will encourage you.

How prayer has affected my life? When Ron asked me if I would write on this question for his February news letter my first thought was WOW what a question! My second thought was what area of my life hasn't been affected by prayer? I truly believe that I am here today because of prayer.

I will give a little of my background so you can understand how prayer has been such a huge part of my life. In the last ten to fifteen years I have discovered my mother has a very deep strong belief in God. She was saved at the age of ten, but not having people in her life to give her direction she kept her relationship with God a very private thing. (I always wondered where her strength came from.) So I did not grow up in what one would call a Christian home. I was never encouraged or discouraged from going to church. When I was in grade school I went to church with a family that lived down the street from us. As a young adult I went on my own and was saved at the age of twenty. I can not recall a time in my life that I have not felt close to God, even as a small child. I have told people that I was born believing. I truly believe that it is because of my mothers prayers. I should not be here today, I was born fifty years ago and was two months early. Today this is not as big a deal as it was in 1957. I weighed in at three pounds and quickly lost some of it. My mother has told me about how she never worried that I would live or be physically or mentally alright (some may question the mental part) When she prayed God told her that I would live and be healthy. And God has kept that promise. So where would I be if I did not have a mother that prayed and did not doubt?

I have been through a lot of different trials in my life, a divorce, death of my second husband, death of many dear family members and friends, raising four girls, and a new marriage, financial hardships, relational trials, but through it all prayer has held it all together, my own prayers and prayers of others when I was to weak to pray for myself. Prayer to me is like breathing, I just do it. It is part of my core being and that, I believe was instilled in me when my mother prayed and believed God for my life.

Prayer is very important as we must communicate with the Lord so we know what His plans are for us. Pray for our next trip to Ecuador on June 1st to July 7th. We thank each of you for all of your prayers and gifts!

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