

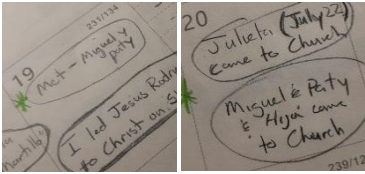
# The Steps of a Goodman

Goodman Family Prayer Letter

Psalm 37:23-24

Reporting for April – June 2024

## I Wrote It in My Calendar...



Somehow, I knew it was not coincidence when we crossed paths with a young couple while out knocking doors one Saturday last August. While I

was talking with someone, I sent my wife ahead of me so we could finish up the block we were knocking. As she walked to the next door, she passed a young couple pushing a stroller and gave them a tract. As I came just a couple minutes behind her, I saw the young man looking at the tract. When I got to him, he wanted to know about our church. They had been attending a Seventh Day Adventist church for the previous few months. As we began to talk, I sensed that they were confused about some things but were very sincerely looking for the Lord in their lives. We exchanged information and they agreed to me picking them up for church the next day. When I got home that evening, I wrote in my calendar on August 19<sup>th</sup>, "Met—Miguel y Paty". The next day I scribbled in my calendar, "Miguel & Paty & Hija came to church". (Mix of English and Spanish...Sorry!)

As it turned out, they had previously been saved and baptized in a Baptist church in another state. But instead of getting well grounded, they had drifted from church. When we met them, they had been in Morelia for about a year and had been through some serious struggles in their marriage. The Lord used those struggles to bring them back to Himself, but they didn't have enough knowledge to distinguish one church from another. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit was at work, and they were seeing that the Adventist church that they were attending was not in line with the Scriptures. They had been praying together about what to do and were even thinking of going back to their home state. I'm so glad that God had other plans and allowed our paths to cross!



Miguel, Paty, and their daughter (hija) Alison, who is now four years old, have been coming to church ever since. We have been discipling them in our home once a week for most of the last ten months. They have been a real source of blessing and encouragement to us. It has been a long time since we have known a young couple that is so sincere and teachable. They are growing and are excited to be a part of our church. They have been out soul-winning with us on a couple of occasions, and both Miguel and Paty have now won their first soul to Christ! We are excited to see what the Lord will do with them.

## They Wanted to Get It Right!

Toño and Janette were saved on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1988 when one of the men of our church took me to visit them in their home. They have been coming to church regularly on Sundays for most of the last six years. They have lived together for thirty years, have raised a family, and have a number of grandkids...but they had never been married. We talked about it with them on several occasions. It was impeding them in their walk with the Lord and in their spiritual growth. Early this year they told me that they wanted to "get things right!" They went to the judge, and then we had a small ceremony for them at the church. It was a big blessing! They will be getting baptized soon!



## From a Wedding to a Funeral

One week I was doing a wedding ceremony for Toño and Janette, and the next week, I was at their side at the funeral of Toño's brother. As I stood beside Angel's casket and preached to a group of around thirty people, I was glad that I could use his own salvation testimony to present the Gospel. On July 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2022, a Sunday night after church, Toño called me. His brother, Angel, who had cancer was released from the hospital because there was nothing more that could be done for him. He was very sick and was sent home to be comfortable. Toño was broken hearted and asked me to come and be with them and talk to Angel. I immediately went to be with the family. Around 10:00 p.m. that night, Angel got saved! After I thoroughly explained the way of Salvation to him, he prayed one of the most beautiful prayers I have ever heard... He told the Lord how that he now understood, how thankful he was that Christ died and paid the price for him, and that he accepted His gift of Eternal Life! I have an audio recording of his prayer because my daughter who was with me sensed the sincerity and the specialness of the moment and hit the "record" button on her phone. In his prayer, in addition to accepting the Lord, he asked God to give him more time. God gave him almost two more years! I do believe that there were some who trusted Christ at his funeral. Praise the Lord!



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