

ANNA BORREGO



I was born on the 9th of February 1955 in a small village called Villa de Mendez, Tamoulipas Mexico. I came from a very large but humble family (13 children).

My parents heard the gospel of Jesus Christ before I was born (1950). They accepted Christ as their Saviour in a village near Matamores, Tam. and after this returned to Mendez. They remained faithful to the Lord, reading the Bible and praying in our home although they didn't have a church where they could attend.

It was in the year 1960 when a group of Christians, lead by Bro. Edgar Stone, missionary to Mexico from the Church of God of the Apostolic Faith in the USA, arrived at our small village and there in our home started a church. Afterwards, they started construction of the first evangelistic church of that place with the help of Bro. Stone and the Christians up north. This church was dedicated in 1964 with the name El Olivar and it still has its doors open to receive every person that sincerely seeks pardon and the blessings of the Lord.

During these first years of my childhood I remember that I attended, with my parents and brothers and sister, all the services, Although we had to cross a river in a small boat, we went with gladness to the house of the Lord. Nevertheless, I did not give my heart to Christ at this time.

In 1967, at the age of 12 years, I was sent to Victoria, Tam. to continue my studies in secondary school. I stayed four years and they were very difficult years for my life.

The family where I lived were confused in their faith and they denied the authority of the Bible and believed in the message of demon spirits. I was not permitted to attend any church and as time went on I began to partially believe these messages that the demons brought and to rebel inwardly against God and His Word.

When I was 16, after I had passed the first year of study of Philosophy, I found myself at home during summer vacations. My sister Elisa told me that they were preparing to attend the second youth camp at Victoria Bible School in Reynosa, Tam. She requested that I go in her place. I accepted but thought I had gotten the worst of the deal; however, she gave me the money that she had for her trip as well as for the cooperation in the school for the five days I was to be there. The amount was about a nickel if the money was counted in today's exchange.

We left Mendez for the youth camp and for the first time I saw Victoria Bible School. It was there in that place that I saw my condition before God, that from my childhood I had heard of Jesus although I had not received him as my Saviour and Lord. That night the 15th of July 1971, I gave my life completely to the Lord and that same night He called me to His service to preach His Word.

I returned from the youth camp with the determination to abandon my career in order to dedicate myself to the study of the Holy Word and to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I had much opposition from some of my family. They told me I was going to fail, that I wouldn't have enough even to eat, and that I would like a miserable life. But, GLORY TO GOD! He has never left me, He is faithful. By the help of the Lord I was able to finish my studies in Victoria Bible School in 1973.

After graduation, I taught in Victoria Bible School teaching Bible classes and some days preparing the food for the students. In May 1974, I started services in a mission near VBI. This mission became permanent and we started building a church with the help of Brother Stone and others from the USA. We dedicated the church in 1977 in the name of VICTORIA CHURCH and it is still going strong now to receive all that will seek the Lord.

In 1974 I met a young woman by the name of Jesus Cleto R. who finished schooling at VBI. Together, with other young people, we began to work in the youth department of the organization, trying to help the youth in all their activities such as conventions and youth camps and other activities.

Time passed and after much prayer Jesus Cleto and I decided to get married and on March 17, 1979 with the blessings of God and our parents we were

married. During these 9 years of our married life we have served the Lord, preaching the Word in Santa Catarina, Nuevo Laredo for 2 years, and in Reynosa again 2 years., and the last 4 years we have been in the Center of Faith in Nuevo Laredo teaching and preaching the Word of the Lord.

We are grateful first of all to God then to Edgar and Lorene Stone and many Christians in the USA who, without knowing us personally, have given of their offerings with all their heart to help in the missions work here in Mexico. We pray the Lord will bless each one of you with His love.

God has blessed us with three children. Julia Evangelina, Anna Elizabeth and Jushua whom we have dedicated to the Lord and we expect them to be saved in early life and be useful in the Lord's work.

GOD BLESS YOUR LIVES ABUNDANTLY

Endorsement by Missionary Edgar Stone: "I have know the Borrego family for some 35 years and they have been a blessing to the Mendez Chruch. Four members of the family have graduated from Victoria Bible School. One is a pastor in Mendez and another, Anna, is helping her husband as pastor of the church in Nuevo Laredo."