

The McClures



That Reminds Me . . .

Five years old, the youngest in the family, sitting and listening to the plan of salvation from a Sunday School teacher: it sounds a lot like my story. This time, however, I'm the teacher, showing a little girl from my class how Jesus died on the cross for her.

When we first arrived in December, Nataly was too shy to talk to me. If I tried to shake her hand, she just hid behind her mom and walked on by. I didn't take this too personally; she only speaks to a handful of people. Instead, I made a game of it, and while I didn't get her to speak, I at least got an occasional smile.

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Everything changed when I became *Tio Patrick* (for best effect, you have to pronounce my name pah-TREE-kee, with a rolled "r" on the "tree"). From the moment I sat down in the teacher's chair at the head of the Sunday School class table, I became someone she could talk to. Oh, she still won't shake my hand, but in class, I hear all kinds of stories.

In August, Nataly's mother said that she was showing an interest in being saved. This didn't surprise me. Just this year she has seen several people near to her accept Christ. First, Alice,

who works in her home, left Roman Catholicism and accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. A few months later Nataly's older brother came forward and made his decision. Just a few weeks ago Lucas, Alice's son, also got saved. Like me, she was seeing all the people in her life accept Christ. What *did* surprise me was that Nataly wanted *me* to show her the plan. It is common here for parents, who are quite capable of leading a person to Christ,

A Word of Thanks from Ann Janel

At the time of my mom's breast cancer surgery, tests detected cancer in three of her lymph nodes. A month later, she had a PET scan to determine how much cancer was still in her body and where. We waited and prayed! The results were miraculous: the scan showed *no* sign of cancer. Praise the Lord! He is a God of miracles. Thank you for praying for her. Mom is doing well and has returned to her normal daily activities. Though she is not battling cancer, Mom is now back to facing heart issues that were present before they discovered the cancer. She will likely need valve replacement surgery in the near future. We would appreciate continued prayer for her.

to defer the honor to a church leader. So when Nataly expressed an interest, her mom asked her if she would like one of the lady teachers to show her the plan. No, she wanted *Tio Patrick* to do it. Shortly after she told me this, I had the opportunity to sit down and walk her through the Romans Road, but felt that she was not ready to make a decision.

Her mom said that since then, Nataly still showed a great interest in being saved, and answered all her questions well. Lucas' decision in the meantime only strengthened her resolve. On October 14, Nataly came forward hand-in-hand with her dad. We stepped out of the auditorium to a private room, and with her father's reassuring presence, Nataly showed me that she understood her condition as a sinner, and her need for Jesus as her Savior. There she was, five years old, the youngest in the family, sitting and listening to the plan of salvation from a Sunday School teacher: and like me, she accepted Him as her Savior.

With her salvation, her entire household as come to Christ. Pray for these recent converts, that they will now grow in their Christian walk. Pray for Nataly. If her story stays similar to mine, maybe she will be writing another story like this about a little child in her Sunday School class one day.

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