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We would like to praise the Lord for what He is doing. This past Monday they had the first of three meetings concerning the charges filed against me. We praise the Lord for your prayers. We found out after the meeting that although many were invited, only Francheska's parent and one other mother were there with complaints. The other mothers decided not to go as they said this was worthless. One of the young ladies in the church gave a testimony Sunday night that her mother, although summoned, was not going and was not angry with her for attending the church. This was an answer to prayer.

There were two ladies summoned for this meeting from the church. Martha, an older lady, and Emily, Charley Mars' wife. They met on the way to the meeting and then prayed together with a decision to glorify God. Martha was asked to speak first and she shared with them how she trusted in Christ because her daughter at church encouraged her to read the Bible. Emily said it was a very clear testimony of salvation. Emily then spoke and shared her testimony of salvation and that she is encouraging the teens not to follow her example because she had a child when she was 16. The leaders were quite surprised. They asked Emily if I was the authority to follow, and she replied, "Of course not. God is our authority." They then asked her which authority should we follow, God or parents and they mentioned, "Children obey your parents." Emily wisely answered, "Who wrote, those words? God. So, of course, God is the ultimate authority." They also had other questions about the abuse situation.

We were informed that there will be two other meetings. The next meeting will be with the two teens from our church, Myrel and Francheska. They will try to find out if I have commanded them to do anything against their authorities. Then they want to have a meeting with me. There has been a trespassing report filed against me, so, we do not know what is going on in this way. It is very interesting to observe the talk going on in our community. Many thought this was a cut and dried type of thing, and they are realizing that it is not that way. This is because of your prayers. Thank you so much. Continue to keep this in prayer as this is a spiritual battle that is not over.

We thank the Lord for the opportunity to continue with the beginning of our building program at church. We have saved enough to complete about 7 posts and the beams at this time. We prayed that we would be able to start this past Monday but we struggled to find some skilled carpenters. Everyone is busy. But, God in His mercy answered our prayers and allowed us to find some skilled workers this past Saturday, and they are doing a great job. God is indeed doing great things.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto His name. Because He is worthy. Thank you so much for your prayers. God is working in ways in which we cannot explain.

That is His answer to your prayers. Our goal is to glorify Him.

Jon