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THE BLESSINGS WILL COME !

Last Sunday night (on April 21, 2002) a young man, Ruben Quiñinao, was baptized after the gospel meeting. He is a Pehuenche Indian and now 18 years old. 6 years ago, we took the first tent to the Pallihue area of Lōs Angeles, on the south side of the city we live near. Ruben attended all the Children's Meetings. He was 12 years old at that time. He lived in a house directly across the street, right in front of the tent. He still lives there with his family.



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That was the series when Jeff Sharp and Mark Bachert were with us for the summer, and we had so much opposition. The tent was blasted with stones, sticks, rotten fruit and other flying objects. Many times the gospel meeting would be interrupted by young fellows outside making noise. One night a young fellow punched a sister on the shoulder as she sat listening to the gospel and he ran off. We had dogs, drunks and delinquents in the tent many nights causing disturbance. We had to guard the tent almost 24 hours around the clock but a couple of days the young brethren left the tent to go to a nearby house to use the washroom or to a nearby store to buy something to eat and when they came back the chairs would be all turned upside down and the tent messed up inside.

Well, Ruben came to all those meetings, and after they were over he never stopped coming to the Sunday School, that we held in a local Community Centre. A few years later he began attending gospel meetings in the hall as well and was saved. Last Sunday night he was baptized - the first fruits of that difficult series of gospel mtgs. in the Tent. Ruben, comes from an unsaved family but he had his mother and brother out to his baptism. Neither his parents nor his sisters seem to have any interest in the gospel but his brother Jorge comes with him to all the meetings. Jorge is not saved so far as we know. Both boys are very quiet—possibly due to their ethnic origins. Two other Chilean teenage girls (Luisa Cid and Soledad Rodriguez) also attended that first series and professed during the intervening years as well. They are not yet baptized.

His case has been a real encouragement to us as we look back and we can truly say: "Don't get down when the going is rough - the blessings will come!"

- Dennis Hanna writing from Chile, S.A.

LEAPING TO DELUSIONS

Her daughter was sick with the flu—a pail sat beside the bed because Amy had had many emergencies! But she had agreed to teach the 4 year old class at Sunday School, because the regular teacher was sick. When she got there, one mother informed me that her daughter, Suzie, hadn't been feeling well either but had insisted on coming anyway.

Just before class ended, Suzie began to cry. The teacher knew she had to act quickly. She grabbed her and rushed to the rest room. In desperation, she forced her head over the toilet, encouraging her to throw up. "I don't have to!" she sobbed. "Why are you crying then?" the teacher asked. "Because..... " she sobbed. "Kenny took my Sunday School paper!"