

# TENDER LOVING CARE CHILDREN MINISTRIES

## Testimony from our “Centro Réveil” Feeding Station

Colonia Terrazas del Valle, Tijuana, Mexico



**Luz Elvira Hernandez  
10 years old!**

**I will work if in return you will  
feed me!**

***"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water  
to one of these little ones because he is my  
disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly  
not lose his reward."***

**Matthew 10:42**

On a beautiful spring morning when my precious team of ladies arrived at our “Centro Réveil” Feeding Station in Terrazas del Valle, they found a little girl sitting on the bench near the door. She arrived one hour and a half before the doors were scheduled to open. Pastor Claudia went to talk with her to inquire if there was a problem.

Luz Elvira is 10 years old. She came early to see if they had dishes to wash, floors to sweep or garbage to take out. She was willing to help if the ladies could in turn give her something to eat. Although Elvira Luz is only 10, she was willing to work to “earn” a meal.

Pastor Claudia explained to her that she could come every day except Saturday and receive a delicious free meal. Her eyes grew big and her little face lit up like a candle on Christmas morning. She asked if she could stay and wait for the other kids. Pastor Claudia invited her inside the Feeding Station. Once inside, her eyes grew even bigger. She had never seen such a big kitchen!

Pastor Claudia asked Luz Elvira if she would help her clean the tables and make sure the benches were all in their places. This was a way to get to know this little one a bit better.

Her mom is a single mom. Most of the time there is not enough money to put food on the table. Pastor Claudia then asked her why she was wearing boy shoes that were also obviously too big for her. Elvira replied that she had a bigger brother. Because her mom does not have any money to buy her little girl shoes, they are sharing her brother’s shoes.

Pastor Claudia told me that although she sees poverty every day, this little girl broke her heart. It was quite emotional and difficult not to cry in front of this child. Over the last 20 years, we have seen many similar situations. Each new situation breaks our hearts. I asked Claudia to keep a close eye on this little girl. To also encourage her to come a little earlier and find her a few things she can do to help. This is a way to learn her trust, invite her to our Sunday Services and introduce her to JESUS, the best friend she will ever have. It will also help her self-esteem knowing that her help is appreciated.

**Yes, you guessed it, I also asked Pastora Claudia that next time she goes to San Diego, to please stop at Wal-Mart and buy this little girl a pair of “girl’s shoes”.**

### **What else are we suppose to do?**

**For \$35.00 a month you can help me feed two hungry children like Luz Elvira.**

Yes, I want to help you feed the children in your TLCCM Feeding Station in Colonia Terrazas del Valle, in Tijuana, Mexico.

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