

God at Work in Latin America

A NEW CHURCH IN

Hi! My name is Carlos, and I live in Latin America. When I was a child, my family did not go to church. I did not even know what a church was! But that was about to change thanks to the obedience of some very special people. As a young boy, Eric Kuhns felt God calling him to become a missionary. He did not know where, when, or how this would happen, but he determined to follow God's plan. Later Eric married a young woman named Hannah who was also called to the mission field! It was not long until they both were serving as missionaries in my country of Honduras.



HONDURAS

When the Kuhns moved to our neighborhood, they began gathering children and telling us stories from the Bible. I couldn't wait until Sunday each week when we would go to their house to sing and hear another story. I did not know that Mr. Eric was praying hard for God to help them start a church. One Sunday my parents came with me to the Kuhn's house. Several other adults came, too. Now we have a church, and I know who Jesus is. God answered Mr. Eric's prayer!



Life as Latinos

Did you know that Latinos love piñatas?

A piñata is a decorated, cardboard creation filled with treats. It is hung from the ceiling, and friends gather around to hit the piñata with sticks. All the treats inside fall out for everyone to enjoy.

Did you know that Latino girls celebrate quinceañeras?

A *quinceañera* is a birthday celebration for a girl turning fifteen. It represents the little girl becoming a young lady. She wears a

ball gown and high heels to the party, and all her family and friends come to celebrate this special time.



What do you think Louie is doing? Check out Louie's Lair to learn more!



MEMORY VERSE

I will build My church, and the gates of hell
shall not prevail against it.

MATTHEW 16:18

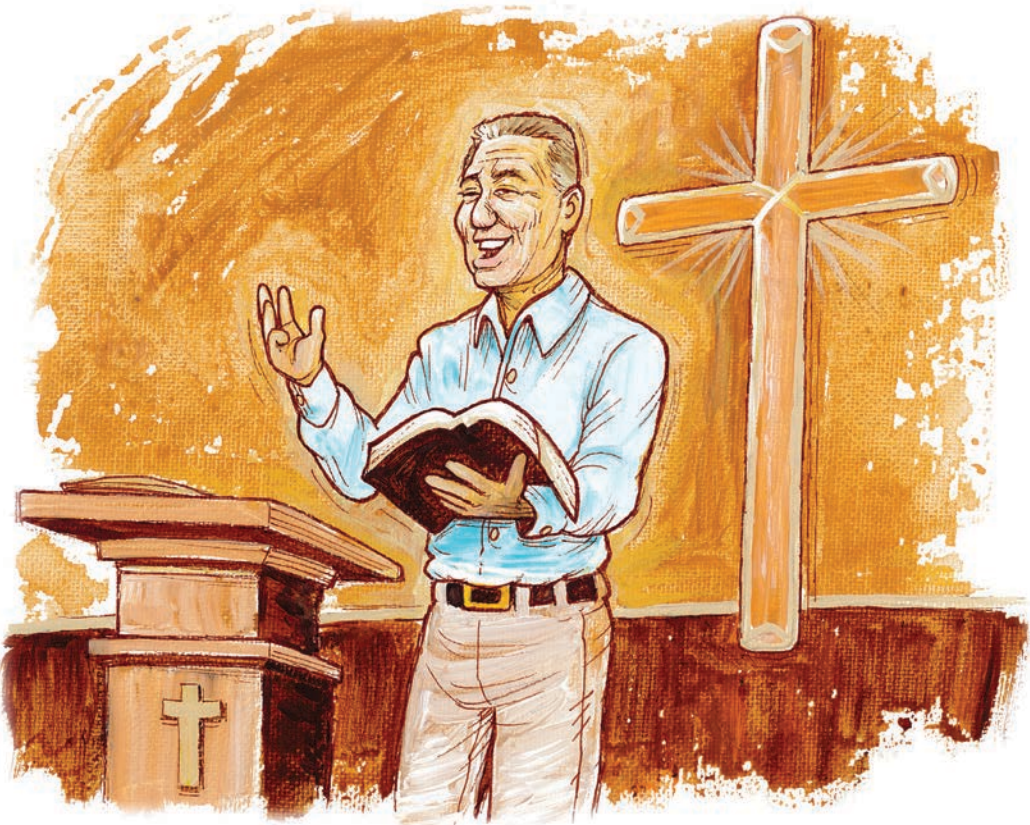
How **José's Prayer** was ANSWERED



José was the town drunk in his community. His serious drinking problem caused him to be short-tempered and abusive! One day a visiting church held a revival outside in the village. He could hear the singing and preaching and realized he was tired of his life of sin.

José went to a service, prayed, and accepted Christ as his personal Savior! From that point his life completely changed. He no longer drank, earnestly sought after Christ, and showed kindness to the people he met.

There was not a church in José's village, and this worried him. Preachers came and went, but none of them ever stayed. José's son Roberto was not a Christian but was attending Eric Kuhns' church in another city. One Sunday morning Roberto brought his father to church with him. José spoke to Eric about beginning a church in his village. The Lord worked through both Eric and José, and a church was formed. Roberto eventually came to know Christ. Imagine José's surprise when Roberto became the pastor of the new church!





Louie's treehouse Lair

Be Content with Simple Things

From piñatas to *quinceañeras*, Latin culture is bright, colorful, and full of life. Children who grow up in homes without much money come up with many creative, cheap games. On page four Louie is enjoying one of those fun activities, and he wants you to try it also. Find something round that will roll well like a bike rim or a Hula-Hoop. Start it rolling, then use a stick to push it along. See how far you can keep going before it topples over. As you do, pray that children in Latin America will come to know Christ.



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