



House of Faith

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Taking JESUS to neighborhood children, youth, and families

September 2021

A TRUE WARRIOR FOR THE LORD

By Marci Menchaca, Interim Director

Delia Rivera, a mighty woman of God and faithful servant, went home to be with Jesus on August 27, 2021 and she is greatly missed.

Delia was a loving mom and grandmother, a faithful volunteer, and a valued board member of House of Faith. Delia approached me this summer and wanted to go to camp with us. When I asked her which week she wanted to go, she said, "I think the first TWO weeks." I was surprised that she wanted to be away from home and work for two weeks and asked her if she was sure that she wanted to commit to that. She said the Lord was telling her to go to both. I felt blessed that we would have Delia at camp with us to help serve on our Food Ministry team and most of all that she would be there to PRAY. Looking back, it deeply touches me that God led her to do the ministry He had called her to so close to calling her home.

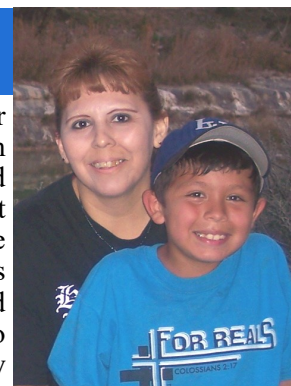
Praying wasn't just what Delia did, it was who she was. Everywhere Delia went, whether she was at work at the hospital, at church, at a local women's ministry or at House of Faith events, she was always boldly praying and speaking with such confidence about the life changing power of Jesus. Delia prayed powerful prayers both behind the scenes and directly for our children, youth and families through the years. She knew the power of prayer, and how the prayers of others had impacted her own life.

Our relationship with Delia began when she would come to House of Faith with her

children years ago. She allowed her sons to come, but she came with them with a watchful eye. They attended faithfully and were learning about having a relationship with God and the power of prayer. Eventually the boys started to go to church. They would pray for their mom and ask her to come with them, and Delia finally decided to go. She began growing in the Lord and through many ups and downs, she completely surrendered and turned her life over to the Lord. From this point forward Delia loved seeking the Lord through His Word and was committed to serving the Lord and to prayer. One of her favorite verses was *Isaiah 40:7-8* — "The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God endures forever."

At her funeral, many spoke about how committed she was to her family and to her sons, Jerry, Abell, Vince, Kris and Aaron, and their families. We definitely saw what a fierce and protective mom she was through the years. These young men know the Lord, and I am deeply touched that their prayers for their mom when they were little were answered. Her son, Abell, said of his mom, "My mom was a strong warrior for the Lord."

The focus of Delia's life was to lift Jesus high. She was a great example and continues to inspire us to Take Jesus to Neighborhood Children, Youth and Families. She lived her life as a warrior servant for the Lord.



We need YOU!

We are so grateful for our team of volunteers! We cannot do what we do without these amazing men, women, and teenagers who come alongside us every year!

And there is always room for more!

Would **you** consider joining us on **Wednesday** or **Thursday** afternoons **after school** to help us take JESUS to neighborhood children, youth and families?

Phone: 325-486-8637

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We need people to:

Be crossing guards

Drive vans

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Take attendance

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Teach Bible lessons

...and more!



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KICKING OFF PROGRAMS!

We are so ready to be back in action with the children and youth who attend House of Faith's weekly programs!! Below are the dates and times programs will resume for the fall semester.

Backyard Bible Club (PK-5th grade):
Wednesday & Thursday October 6th & 7th (after school)
321 (6th-12th grade: Monday, October 4th (6-8pm)

Children

Youth

Families