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## The Miracle of Maria Eugenia Serrano Barahona By Oscar Serrano



My mom had been feeling really sick for two weeks. It was hard for her to breathe, but not too bad. On Wednesday, she passed out having breakfast. The doctor from our H2H clinic came to check her out and sent her for a blood test and ultrasound at the hospital. They found her liver enlarged, pushing on her lungs. Because she had had cancer 8 years ago, we thought maybe it was back. We met with the internist who checked her out, and in the blood test they found she was diabetic. Friday, she was having a hard time breathing and could not sleep or eat. We prayed for God to have control of her health. Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, she was worse and had not slept the night before. I called Susana, our H2H daughter who is an MD, and my niece, Genesis, who came to care for her, and I went to church.

After church, Susana told us mom was really bad. We got an oxygen tank for her from our clinic, and took her to the local hospital emergency room. They did an echocardiogram and told us she was having a heart attack. They also found she had Covid, which made it worse. The heart specialist told us she was dying, and there was no hope because of all her conditions – diabetes, Covid and a heart attack. They gave me two choices; let her die, or take her to the San Pedro Sula hospital, an hour away, where they have the ability to do a heart ablation to clear her blocked artery. They said it would cost over \$30,000 and that she would die anyway. I thought, I have no money, I have nothing, but I have to do all that is possible to save my mom. So, I got an ambulance and we headed to San Pedro Sula.

When we arrived, she had no vital signs, was not breathing. The medic gave her some meds to bring her back. They got her stabilized. The cardiologist told me about the procedure. It would cost over \$30,000, and in his opinion, she would not live through it, given her condition with the diabetes and Covid. He advised against it. I told him that God should decide if she lived or not. I borrowed the money from a friend that was required to be paid before they would begin the procedure. They started the operation. The surgeon came out to tell me her aorta was plugged and that during the procedure to put a breathing tube in, she could die, and if she lived though that, she could die during the heart ablation. If she made it through those procedures, she surely would die in recovery. He told me it was hopeless and that I should not go ahead with it. He said, "I have done this so many times and with her conditions, not one has survived. So, knowing all this, do you want me to continue?" I told him firmly, "Yes!" As he walked away, I called to him. "Doctor, listen, God is Almighty, and my mom is in His hands." He smiled at me and headed to surgery.

An hour into the surgery, he sent another doctor to the waiting room to tell me to come see him. I was sure she had died, and I began thinking about how we were going to bury her, who I needed to call...but at the same time, I prayed, "God, if you allow her to live, everything is going to be for Your glory, we are going to glorify Your Name."

I walked into his office. He had a big smile. He looked at me and said, "Wow, this is wonderful, I cannot believe this happened! Your mom is pretty strong. I have been doing these procedures for a long time and definitely this is something special. Everything went perfect, I never thought it would go this way. I have a lot of hope. Everything is going to be OK." He was trying to say it was a miracle, but as a professional he could not say that. He said her recuperation would be quick.

She was out of ICU two days later! On Tuesday, the doctor said every test, every exam was great and she would come home the next day. The docs and staff at the hospital keep telling me what an amazing thing had happened.

That's just a miracle! I believe in miracles, because I have seen God do miracles lots of times, but every time God does one, He just amazes me, how powerful He is and His will, when He decides something. We are going to use it for His glory and whenever we can, we will tell people of this testimony! We are going to glorify His name, all the glory is for Him! I am amazed at His mercy and grace for my mom about this miracle we saw happen Saturday night! Praise the Lord! So, this is a great testimony and this is my mom's story.

*(The cost for this miracle is \$30,000. God did not save Eugenia and not have a plan to provide for this cost. We have raised \$2000 of it. Please pray about helping us with the rest. God bless you!)*

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2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (NIV)

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.”

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**Message from Mary Frenter**

Hello from your fellow warriors for Jesus Christ in Honduras!! This month has been one of many battles, spiritually, physically, emotionally, mentally, and financially, ... and one of many victories of the same! We have clung to His Word through it all: “Satan has desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith fail not... (Luke 22:31-36 31); We fight not against flesh and blood... (Ephesians 6:12); I have given you a sound mind... (2 Timothy 1:7); I will be with you to the end... “Matthew 28:18-20.

Sometimes the “stomach punches” from the enemy almost knocks the wind out of us, and He answers, “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31) What I know is that God will never give us more than we can handle, but with the trials will always provide a way of escape...(1 Cor. 10:13). We are always under spiritual attack here (Eph. 6:12), and constantly pray for his armor to withstand the attacks... (Ephesians 6:10-18). He told us this is how it would be, but that He would fight our battles for us (Deuteronomy 20:4) because the War has already been won, and He has overcome the world. (John 16:33).

“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10) ...so, on we go!!!

This month the battles have been against circumstances and sickness – Oscar’s mom had a heart attack; many of our H2H family and friends had covid, including Oscar; one of our boys broke his leg playing soccer. All of this impacts us spiritually, physically, emotional, mentally, and financially, as we raise our 84 children and manage this amazing gift God has entrusted to us, WWH2H.

Please continue to pray for us as we look forward to a new school year beginning in August, and to our WWH2H Fundraising Trip to the USA in the Fall, when we will get to see many of you. Thank you!



On June 10<sup>th</sup>, our daughter, Ilcy, married the love of her life, Max Stephens in Corvallis, Oregon. She first met Max when they were teens when his family volunteered for H2H in Honduras several years ago. What a blessing it was that so many of our H2H family were able to attend the ceremony. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Max Stephens every happiness!!