

El Refugio Post

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The Appointed Destiny



GRANDMA (MYRNA)— Writer

There is a calling for all of God's children. A calling is not for just certain people, it is for all; the ordinary, the powerful, the weak, and those of every age and in every land. How do we as children of God, this generation of believers, know the destiny to which we are called? We know by simply following the will of God that is revealed to us as given in the scriptures. This leads all generations of believers to share the gospel and to bring as many people as possible to salvation; the will of God as revealed in the scriptures. As children of God we must live our lives as an answer to the age in which we are born. There was an appointed destiny for Jesus which was written in scripture ages before his birth. Isaiah 6:9 says "for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be on his shoulders." To each child of God and each generation of Gods' people there is a calling, a purpose and an appointed destiny for our birth, just as Jesus had.

The will of God as revealed in the scriptures will lead each child of God and each generation of believers to their exact and appointed destiny. Let's take a look in scripture. Moses: born into the Egypt age that worshiped idols. Elijah: born into an age where prophets of God were hunted down and where he would be branded an enemy of the state. Jeremiah: born into an age that would imprison him. Esther: born into an age when the empire would order the destruction of her people. Paul: born into a pagan empire that would persecute and imprison him.



The twelve disciples: the most unlikely mix of people—yet they were more powerful than the world through Christ. Each of these were appointed for the age in which they were born; that age needed them.

The timing of our birth is not a matter of chance or accident but of destiny; we are not born out of place. We are not to fear the age we live in or be intimidated by it. We are born for now. What was said to Esther? You are born for "such a time as this" (Esther 4:14). We must turn to the Lord with all our hearts, soul and all our might, which will enable us to live a life of greatness to accomplish that which others cannot do.

"Your eyes saw my unformed body; all my days were written in your book and ordained for me before one of them came to be."

Psalm 139:16



As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this year let's think about the fact that we can make a difference. Jesus turned the world upside down, which was really right side up when He was born in that age in that generation. How did He and so many others since that do it? If we each commit to live as He lived and taught, to seek God, He will greatly manifest His power through us. There is no limit and no end to what God will do through one whose heart is completely His. This is our generation to make a difference. We are the generation celebrating Jesus' birth now in 2024. We are the generation moving into the year 2025; we are the generation called and chosen for this time in world history. It's our turn to make a difference this Christmas season and onward.

Born for such a time as this



Britany

My calling in life is to be able to learn more about God. We can show love by helping the seniors eat food and by playing games with them. Jesus was born as a baby just like us and he also grew up just like us. Christmas is a time to remember that Jesus was born for us. I really love getting gifts at Christmas time.



Anahi

Every year you learn something different and you learn to meet new people and spend time with them. While you do this, you learn to help them and show God's love. You can give people gifts to show them love and that Jesus came as a baby. My calling is to be kind to others.



Veronica

I believe that God has blessed me in many ways, even though there have been some very hard times as well. Something that God always shows us is that through the storm we have to be strong and to bless people with the gifts we are given. We need to help people in need and show the great love that He has for them. God has a purpose for our lives and for that same reason Jesus was sent to us as a baby. The sacrifice was perfect but it also reminds us of God's mercy that He has for everyone who looks

for Him. Most importantly, it reminds us of our purpose that must be aligned with God's will.



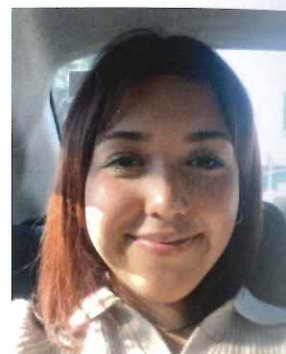
Ashley

I want to be a chef or a biologist; these two things are the calling for my life. I can help others by giving them hope, and showing them that I care. I believe that Jesus was born in the time that He was for all of the little kids, just like a perfect gift. Christmas means spending time with family, and starting a new year.



Anayeli

My calling for my life is to tell people about God's word and everything that He has done for us. I can help others by giving people my trust and letting them know that I am here for them. Jesus came to the earth as a baby in the timing that He did because He needed to show His love to others, just like when He died on the cross.



Annette

I do not feel that I know the calling for my life yet; I think I still have a long ways to go. Although I feel that I am called to walk with God's hand in mine and to have faith in His plans for my life. There are many ways I can help people, but I feel that it is always important to let people know that you are here for them, so they can feel loved. I believe that God knew the time, place and the perfect hour for Jesus to come as a baby, as everything had to happen in His timing.



Camila

In this moment I still don't know what my plan is for my life but I hope to be able to find it. I like helping people and being kind to them. Jesus was sent to us for our sins and that is how He shows us His love for each one of us. I love to eat all the food and open gifts at Christmas.



Maria G.

I love Christmas because I am able to spend time with my family. When I see people sad, I ask them if they need to talk or if they want help. Jesus was sent to the earth to save us and to help us. I do not know what God has for me, I need help to find it.

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Ana Gabriela

Christmas represents the spirit of union and being able to spend time with family and people that you love, in preparing a meal and enjoying time together. Giving gifts without expecting anything in exchange is the spirit of Christmas. All of these reasons are why I love the Christmas season. I think Jesus came in that time to give us salvation, just as God wanted it to be. I still do not know what I am called to do but I know that God has a calling for me and I am trying to look for it. If it was up to me I would love to help people that are sick and in hospitals. I also would like to help girls in children's homes, the same way that people have helped me. There is nothing impossible if you put your mind to it.



Rosa

Christmas time reminds me of the birth of baby

Jesus and the everlasting life that He gives us. Personally, I think Jesus was sent as a baby so that He could feel everything that we have felt. For the moment I do not know what the calling is that God has on my life, but I plan to keep looking for it. I can help others by doing things that is in my reach. I enjoy Christmas time because I love spending time with loved ones and I also have the time to remember that it is Jesus birthday!



Isabel

God's plans are perfect; I know He has a plan prepared for us here on earth. Just as we have a calling, so did Jesus. He was to be sent to earth as a baby to live a life in perfection, to show us that not everything is impossible if we make an effort and trust completely in the Father. Through His teachings and what He lived on earth, He teaches us and shows us how we should act, loving the people around us, which sometimes is very difficult. I try to do that by living a life in which the focus is not on me, but to be able to help those girls who are hurting and without hope. I wish and

hope that this can continue to be my calling. If it already is, I know that God is the one who will let me know so that I can continue on a path guided and directed by Him. If not, I know that His plans will continue to be perfect wherever He takes me.



Karla

Being on the earth, God has called us to follow His word. I can help others by sharing His word. Jesus was sent to die for each one of us. Christmas time is a great time to be with people you love.



Esperanza

I like helping at the breakfast program. Christmas is a special time. My life needs to be filled with prayer. Jesus came to show us how much He loves us.



Maria Dolores

My calling is to follow Jesus all the time, even though I find it hard. You can never give up on your faith and your salvation; He is our Father, and He died for each one of us. We remember Christmas time as when baby Jesus came to save us and that is what I like the most about this time.



Kitzia

One calling I have is to serve and help with the children and more than anything else to take care of other people. I want to help others as a servant and be dedicated at every moment. God came into our lives by His mercy and even though we are sinners He did not think twice about giving His life.

Interviews



Cherith

I believe that my life's calling is to live in love and service to others, reflecting the light of Christ in every action. I can help others by offering emotional support, sharing resources and showing empathy; remembering that every act of kindness is a reflection of

God's love. Jesus was sent as a baby in a historical moment of great need, symbolizing God's humility and closeness to humanity. Christmas, for me, is a time of hope and renewal, where we celebrate the birth of the Savior and the promise of redemption. What I love most about Christmas are the moments shared with loved ones, the traditions that unite us and the opportunity to remember the true meaning of the celebration: God's unconditional love for us.



Maritza

I help people when I say good things. I love when we are all together at Christmas. God loves me.

Greetings to all. On a joyful praise the Lord note - We are in Mexico! Wilmer's health has stabilized, so with the family's help and Sandy flying with us, we arrived in Mexico the end of October. What a joyous reunion we had.



We all know events in the world are moving very quickly. 1 Chronicles 12:32-33 tell us how important it is to know the signs of the times, and have our weapons ready. The Holy Spirit is leading us; learn to know him well. Pray and read the Bible. Our eyes must be on God, not on man. No fear allowed in our thinking as we advance together in power and authority. Philippians 1:27B -"know that you stand firm in one Spirit contending as one man for the faith of the gospel." Have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Wilmer & Myrna
Grandpa & Grandma

Gallery



Senior's Center



VBS



Art project in the yard



Caring for the horses



House build



Feeding program



Kickboxing



Quesadillas in the tack room



Worship



Life skills



Teaching English

Meet the Staff



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The Gonzalez Family
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Lupita
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Christmas Greetings

Each girl who comes to The Refuge is prayed for before they arrive. They come in God's perfect timing. It is up to each one to be open to healing and God's love; they can follow what God has for them or they can put God aside. This year we celebrated with the girls as some of them decided to be baptised and some have made the decision to follow Jesus.

It is evident that the outreach center is meant for such a time as this. As the new village begins to establish itself, the outreach center represents a beacon of light where people can gather to hear about the hope they can find in Jesus. The breakfast program runs each week where people are fed and can hear the Word of God. Church services, VBS, quinceañaras and other community events are hosted there. The girls continue to visit the residents at the senior's center who are overjoyed to see their smiling faces, spend time together, and hear about Jesus. Several houses were built this year and it is always a blessing to meet people's physical needs which opens up the door to share Jesus' love for them. The girls have enjoyed their time building relationships with team members; seeing old friends and making new ones. They have been blessed with many special activities, music, devotions and sessions. Kickboxing, as well as riding and caring for the horses continue to be beneficial for the girls in many ways.



The owner of the two lots that we have been using for the last few years for the horses has decided to sell the property. These lots are directly beside The Refuge and we are hoping and praying to be able to purchase them. We know the land will sell quickly as developers have been purchasing land in the area. The asking price has currently decreased to \$85,000USD. Please join us in praying for the provisions to be able to make this purchase which we will use for The Refuge ministry.

Laurisa continues to be an abundant blessing, helping in all areas and ensuring every detail runs smoothly. She is always working behind the scenes as well as counselling and helping the girls. Berenice continues to be a bright light to the girls and it is great to have both daughters involved in the ministry.

It is such an honor to witness God moving at The Refuge and in surrounding communities. We are deeply moved by each of you who have partnered with us in prayer, through financial donations, and by serving alongside us. Without God's provisions and your obedience to God's calling, none of this would be possible.

For such a time as this,
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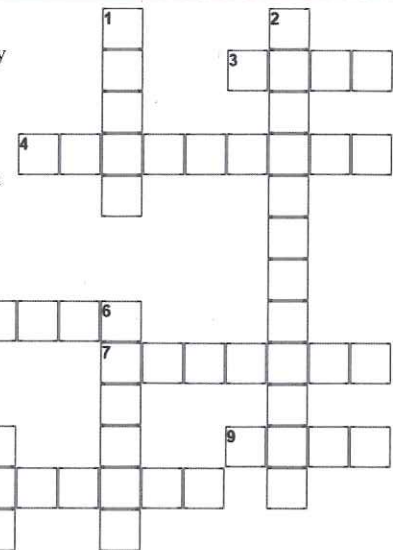
Randy, Sandy, Laurisa & Berenice



El Refugio Crossword

Vertical

1. We celebrate His birthday in December
2. Merry Christmas in Spanish
6. Bible character who was told she was born for such a time as this
8. Sport that the girls participate in



Horizontal

3. At The Refuge, what do we use when we want everyone to gather together
4. The _____ building was destroyed in the fire at The Refuge
5. What is behind the long brick wall across the street from The Refuge?
7. Activity that the girls have been doing the longest
9. Food stand that is on every corner in Mexico
10. Number of years the Huebert's have lived in Mexico



Joshua 1:9

One girl who God brought to us this year, who we will call Maya, needed to leave her family because she was being abused. When she was younger she had learned about Jesus but had stopped believing in Him. She was very scared to leave her family, but one day she remembered what she had learned about God. She prayed and asked Him for help, and she got the courage to leave her house and hop on a bus. She did not know what to do, how to do it, or where to go. She was on the bus for two hours when she spotted two women who she felt that she could ask for help. Maya found out that the women were both Christian. They helped her call the police and stayed with her during the process. The policeman, who was also Christian, encouraged Maya to trust in God and shared with her how God's timing is so good. It is through her faith in God that she was brought to The Refuge in which she is so thankful. God's timing is always perfect and He always knows what is best. God knew what Maya needed and He gave her the strength to do it.

Joshua 1:9 says, "Be strong and courageous....The Lord your God is with you wherever you go."