

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MILDRED RAINWATER MOTHER OF REV. HARVEY RAINWATER



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LIFE STORY OF MILDRED ALENE RAINWATER CHILDHOOD

Mildred was born on March 3rd, 1905 in Cripplecreek, Colorado, U.S.A. Her mother, Cora Ofelia Young, and her father, Arthur E. Hazard, were hard working people, instilling in their 11 children the christian values that they also had been taught from childhood. Her father Arthur was a great singer, and many times after working hard in the silver mines of that town, he would stand on the street, and sing about the love of Jesus. There were many hardened miners who knelt down, right on the street, and gave their hearts and lives to Jesus through his Holy Spirit anointed singing. Arthur and his wife Cora were members of the Salvation Army even before they were married. Cora also participated in the activities of the Salvation Army even as a teen-ager.

THE HAZARD'S MOVE TO WASHINGTON STATE



THE HAZARD FAMILY

CORA AND ARTHUR HAZARD

Mildred is in the family photo, back row, 1st on the left

Later, the Hazard family moved to the Pacific Northwest at Everett, Washington. They purchased a two story wooden frame house, where Mildred helped in the many activities of a large family. She was only able to finish the eight grade in school, however was a very good reader and was experienced in adding numbers in her head.

As Mildred would go to school, on her way she would deliver homemade bread fresh out of the oven, for the clients of her mother Cora.



MILDRED AT 13 YRS.

It seemed that the lot fell on her to help take care of the smaller children in the family, as the older ones did not want to. She was always obedient and willing to do what ever she was asked to do by her parents. On a personal note: Arthur Hazard was very vocal and had something to say about those persons who judged everyone by themselves. Arthur would say that they were not worthy of any of his consideration, as they were totally biased about everything. There are many different types of people, and the true christian will stand tall above all the rest of the crowd, being a true follower of Jesus. Of course, he was not speaking about regular church goers, as there is a very big difference between the two.

The hazard family attended regularly the services of the Salvation Army, and participated in their activities.

THE HAZARD AND RAINWATER FAMILIES MEET

It was in Everett, Washington that Mildred and Roy met. He was born in Dayton, Washington, where there are still a number of Rainwater families. It seems as though the town of Dayton was started by the Rainwater's back in the middle 1850's, after these pioneers came across the prairie in caravans of covered wagons. Roy's parents had moved to Everett, and since his mother Clara Robinet Rainwater attended the services of the Salvation Army, that is where they met. Roy had spent a number of years in the Marines during the First World War, and now was out of active duty.

MARRIAGE OF MILDRED AND ROY



Mildred and Roy W. Rainwater were married in Everett, Washington in 1922. Their marriage lasted 56 years and there were born 4 children: Wilbur (Dewey), Ethel, Joanne, and Harvey. While in Everett, their first son Dewey was born. After living there for some 2 years, Mildred, Roy and their son Dewey moved to the Tulalip Indian Reservation, just out of Marysville, Washington where Roy had purchased a piece of land, and had built a house. His brother Ory Rainwater, had also married a Hazard, Dell, and were living in a house he had built right next to the property of Roy. At that time there were no roads going to that property. The County learned that these two Rainwater brothers were interested in opening up the area, and they offered to pay them to build a road.

So these two ambitious Rainwater brothers cut down trees, dug up the stumps, and cleared the way for several miles for a road, to the nearest highway going into Marysville. They called this new road: **THE RAINWATER ROAD**. This name continues on that road to this date. Roy and Mildred lived at that house for a number of years, and Ethel was born there.

As transportation was a problem, and the place was quite isolated, they sold the house and moved a number of times, where Roy was able to find work. During this time their 3rd child Joanne was born in Marysville. As times were quite hard financially they found themselves once again in Everett in 1936, and that was where their 4th child Harvey was born. At one time they lived in Bremerton, where Roy was working at welding sheetmetal on building ships. They built a small house on property they bought and stayed for around 2 years. They moved back to Marysville where they remained for some time in a house that Roy had remodeled. Roy worked at several jobs, and while at the Co-Op, he came up with the idea of an egg separator, so that the eggs would not break. His mistake was that he mentioned this invention to someone at work, instead of keeping it quiet and registering it with the U.S. Patents Office. Somebody else took advantage of his idea and made the money on it. Today they are everywhere in the egg cartons when we buy our eggs.

While living in Marysville, Mildred worked as a cook at a restaurant that her sister Ruth had opened in the downtown area. Many times Mildred would stop at the grocery store after leaving work, and would carry large sacks of groceries home for the family, walking over 10 long blocks. That describes quite well how Mildred did things. She never waited for somebody else to do what she knew had to be done, she just went ahead and did it.



It seemed as though there were always extra guests at the Rainwater house, as someone was always in need of a place to stay, either family or



friends. There would be no questions asked, Mildred just felt that it was her way of being a blessing to someone in need. Of course, whoever was at the house, was always at the table for meals, and nothing was ever said, as they were considered part of the family while they were there. Mildred washed the family's clothes either by hand or in an old fashioned washer with wringer.

DEWEY RAINWATER

Dewey, the oldest son of the Rainwater family, was very well known around town, as he excelled in sports and had many friends. He met a nice Lutheran girl and after some time they were married. He went into the Army, and was on active duty during the 2nd world war in Germany and in France. When he returned, they bought a home in Marysville, his old home town. They settled there, and have been residents there ever since. I will be mentioning more about them later.

25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MILDRED AND ROY



There were a number of relatives and friends present for this occasion which was quite special for the Rainwater's. Of course, there was a full course dinner served for everyone present. Mildred can be seen in this picture that was taken at that time.

THE SPIRITUAL ASPECT

Hegge and Lillian Iverson had just started a new church, by faith, and the Rainwater family attended, never missing a service. It made no difference who was at the Rainwater house when it was time to go to church, the whole family went. The Pastors were very special people, and many times Hegge and Lillian Iverson were invited over to have dinner with the Rainwater's on Sundays. When the Rainwater's were in church, the children always sat in front of their parents, and Roy and Mildred sat directly behind them. There was never any turning of heads to see who had just come in, as they would be instantly reminded by a tap on the head, that their eyes were to remain focused on what was going on in front.

By this time the Hazard family had also moved to Marysville and also attended the same church. There were all night prayer meetings held, and Arthur Hazard, and Mildred would be present. Usually just a handful of people wanting more of God. It was at one of these all night prayer meetings that Mildred received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. This atmosphere left a definite mark on Mildred which was also a great influence on her children.

ETHEL RAINWATER

Ethel, the 2nd child of the Rainwater's became acquainted with a young christian man who also attended the church along with his parents. They were attracted to each other, became engaged, and later were married in a beautiful wedding at the church. They moved to Mississippi, and later to other States such as Illinois and Missouri where they have lived since then. I will mention more about them later.

THE RAINWATER'S MOVE TO CALIFORNIA

Between 1947 or 1948, Roy went to California to see about work, as relatives had commented that there was plenty of work in California. Right away Roy found work in painting houses, and decided to stay. Mildred went down and also found work as a cook, and later at a Woolworth's store in San Jose, where she was promoted as a Department head of the stockroom, where she did very well. She remained at this job for a number of years. Mildred and Roy decided to have Joanne and Harvey attend a Christian High School near Seattle called King's Garden. Joanne and Harvey were there for two school years and then returned to finish school in the area close to their home in E. Palo Alto. Harvey finished his last 2 years of High School at Menlo-Atherton High School, and graduated. There was a Community Church close to their home where they attended. Harvey spent one entire summer helping on the construction of the enlargement of the church Sanctuary. He also attended a number of home prayer meetings that lasted many hours.

JOANNE RAINWATER

Joanne had also finished her High School, and had been writing to a Christian young man that had also attended King's Garden. As time passed they became engaged, during which time Joanne was working at the Telephone Company in Palo Alto as an Operater. The wedding date was announced and Joanne was married at the East Palo Alto Community Church. They then moved away. I will be mentioning Joanne later.

MILDRED AND ROY MAKE PLANS FOR THEIR SON HARVEY

After Joanne had married and left home, it seemed quite obvious to Mildred and Roy that their son Harvey was interested in going into the ministry. They had talked about him going to Bible College, and Mildred wanted to finance the project. After attending a Camp Meeting that summer and looking over the facilities of Bethany Bible College, Harvey felt that he wanted to attend that College. This was located in Scotts Valley in the beautiful mountains, near Santa Cruz, and covered with the huge redwood trees. Mildred said that she would go to the College on Friday's and pick her son up and take him home for the week-ends, where he could minister in that area. Then she would drive him back again on Sunday afternoon to the College. Since there was no one on the Hazard side or on the Rainwater side of the family that was in the ministry; Harvey was the first in the close family that had decided to go into the ministry.

The details concerning the Bible College Training, with pictures, may be found in this same section of the **[HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF HARVEY RAINWATER](#)**, in Article Two: **[BIBLE COLLEGE PREPARATION AND HIS SUPERNATURAL CALL TO THE MISSION FIELD](#)**. There are also

two other articles [BIRTH, EARLY CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH](#), and [HIS MINISTRY IN SONORA, MEXICO](#), with pictures.

FAMILY REUNION IN E. PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA



During this time there was a family reunion in E. Palo Alto at the Rainwater's house. Present were: Dewey, Ethel, Joanne, and Harvey. In the photo left to right are: Ethel, Harvey, Joanne, Roy, Mildred, and Dewey. This was the only family reunion in California.

MILDRED AND ROY MOVE TO ARIZONA

After Harvey had left home in California, and was now located at Miracle Valley, Arizona, where he received his call into the Ministry and to the mission field, he became very active in the work at Miracle Valley. He helped in the construction of the many buildings there, and also taught a Music Class for 1 semester, before leaving for Sonora, Mexico as a Missionary in May of 1959. When Mildred and Roy realized that Bro. Harvey was too far away to visit them very often, they decided to move to Arizona to be closer and of more help to him. They sold their home, bought a mobile home and had it moved to Miracle Valley.



So now they became residents of Arizona, and lived in Arizona since 1960 until something very special happened to make them move once again in 1967. When Bro. Harvey would come to Miracle Valley for the Camp Meetings or other occasions, he found a welcome at the Rainwater home. Mildred went on many trips down into Mexico by herself to Alamos, where Bro. Harvey was and stayed with him for a week or two at a time, and to help in the work there. She also invited a young mexican lady to go with her on some of her trips that was able to minister to some of the people there that had been saved through the ministry of Bro. Harvey.

MILDRED AND ROY

MILDRED HAS PROBLEMS WITH HER VAN IN MEXICO

On one occasion, as Mildred was driving alone into Mexico and coming into the Yaqui Indian Territory, she had problems with her Volkswagon bus. She managed to get it off the road, which was quite narrow at that time. She had gotten out to see what had happened. Just about then, there appeared the Mexican Government Emergency truck of the Green Angels, which helped American tourists on the road. They looked at the motor, and said that it had burned up. They towed the bus into the nearest town which was Vicam, and she called her son in Alamos, by means of a special messenger. When he returned her call and found out what the situation was, he said to stay right there, that he would be there in a little over 2 hours. The Mexican Officials helped to get the bus to where it could be repaired in the nearby city of Obregon, while Bro. Harvey took her to some Mennonite Missionaries that lived in that city of Obregon, where she stayed for several days, while the motor was being rebuilt. Harvey went back to Alamos, and returned to see how things were progressing. For Mildred this has been quite an experience, however there were many of those which all missionaries have.

BRO. HARVEY BEGINS BROADCASTING OVER STATIONS IN MEXICO

Doors began to open for the Gospel to be broadcast over the radio in Mexico, and even though Bro. Harvey did not have good Spanish yet, he prayed about it, and Miracle Valley gave him several new professional Tape Recorders for this new ministry. He started in the city of Navojoa, and branched out to Cd. Obregon with a station of 10,000 watts, and several other stations. God was blessing the ministry and as it was something new that had not happened, many people were listening and receiving God's word. The devil of course was mad, and tried to stop everything, however God had other plans for the ministry. One day as Mildred was riding in Bro. Harvey's truck as they were going to Obregon, they had an accident as the Police paddy wagon drove into his truck. The city immediately took his truck, even though the Insurance Company said they would fix both vehicles, the Mayor of the city saw that there was more money that could be obtained, so he fined him \$200.00 Dlls, for the incident, saying that he shouldn't have been there in the first place. As Bro. Harvey did not have the money to pay the fine, and still owed money for broadcasts, he was forced to cancel his programs. He spoke with the owners of the station and explained the situation, that he would take care of the radio bills, which he did, later. Mildred had been on her way back to Miracle Valley, on the train, and had left shortly after the accident. Bro. Harvey was greatly saddened about the events, and decided to see what God wanted him to do. He prayed about it, and remembered that he had heard of a powerful 150,000 watt station in Juarez, Chihuahua that was broadcasting Christian programs, just across the border from El Paso. It seemed impossible, however Bro. Harvey asked God to work a miracle so that he could broadcast over that station, and then he wouldn't have those problems with the Mexican Officials. He made plans to move to El Paso, and turned the missions over to someone else, and Mildred was planning on continuing making trips into Mexico.

BRO. HARVEY RAINWATER MOVES TO EL PASO, TEXAS

God confirmed the move to El Paso, as shortly after arriving in El Paso, and renting a room with a christian family, establishing residence there. He went to the office of the XELO station in El Paso, and yes, he was able to sign a contract right away for one 30 minute program a week, which he did by faith. Later he moved into a house he rented, and had established his equipment for his broadcasts, which now were 15 minutes 7 days a week. Letters began coming in with outstanding testimonies from all over Mexico and the United States, and with some offerings to help pay for the radio bills, however \$1,000.00 Dlls a month was a very

heavy financial load for Bro. Harvey. Mildred had remained for only a short while in Mexico, and had returned to Miracle Valley, as God had something unexpected that was about to happen.

ROY RAINWATER RETURNS TO MIRACLE VALLEY WITHOUT NOTICE

During this time, Roy was out in California painting houses for the needed expenses at Miracle Valley. One day as he was driving in his pick-up truck in Palo Alto, he received a supernatural experience from God that shook him up, and changed his plans. He heard an audible voice that said: **'Go to El Paso and help your son Harvey, and you will live to be an old man.'** This was the only time in his entire life that he had ever had any experience like that, and he could only think about getting back to Miracle Valley as soon as he could. He went to where he was staying, got his things together, put them in the truck, filled up his truck with gas, and left immediately. Roy had never driven at night, it was always during the daylight hours, but he drove right straight through to Miracle Valley. When he arrived at the house, he went right in and said to Mildred: **'Sell the house and come to El Paso. I am going to help Harvey.'** Well, this was rather a big surprise for Mildred, and she didn't know what to think. Roy rested for several hours, and got ready to leave, and said, **'I will meet you in El Paso.'** When he arrived in El Paso, he found where his son Harvey was, put an add in the newspaper and began painting houses right away. This was quite a surprise for Bro. Harvey as he was not expecting anything like that. God always works in misterious ways. So now Roy was living in the house that Bro. Harvey had rented, and he made El Paso his residence.

MILDRED ARRIVES IN EL PASO



MILDRED RAINWATER

In several months Mildred arrived in El Paso, bringing whatever things she did not sell, and that the house had been sold without any difficulty. When Mildred was now on the scene in El Paso, they decided that it would be best to buy a house there. They looked around, and found a nice place, made a down payment, and the Rainwater's moved in. From 1967 until 1971 they lived in that house. Mildred adapted to the situation without any problem, and right away began finding things to do to help. Roy found constant work and was a

great help in whatever needed to be done.

The radio ministry continued to have outstanding results with many people finding Jesus to be the answer to their problems. The owner of the Station XELO, Mr. McVeigh told Bro. Harvey that they had calculated, and that he had over a million people that listened to those programs. It was Jesus that did it, and not Bro. Harvey. God just used him, but God did the work. In 1971 the magazine 'Nueva Vida' began being published, and was sent without charge to those who listened to the radio ministry. Mildred and Roy would help with folding the pages and putting the magazine together. The first printing there were 3,000 printed. There were over 1,000 sent to different people in the United States, and 1,000 all over Mexico.

MILDRED AND ROY SELL THEIR HOUSE IN EL PASO

Bro. Harvey had gotten somewhat behind in his payments to the radio station, even though he ministered in local churches and out of town to help cover the large radio bills. Mildred and Roy discussed the matter of selling their house to help cover the radio bills. Bro. Harvey had also discussed with his parents concerning leaving home, and starting a church, and they felt perhaps it would be better to not have the house, as they could rent an apartment. So Bro. Harvey moved to another area of the city and rented a vacant building where he began having services at the El Paso Evangelistic Center. He eventually met the young Mexican lady that would be his wife, Esperanza Chavez. This was during 1971 and they were married in a beautiful church wedding in February of 1972, and went to live in the rented building where he was having services. During one of those services, Esperanza received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. God blessed their efforts there and many people found Jesus as the answer to their problems. Roy and Mildred continued to be closely involved in the ministry in whatever way they could, which was greatly appreciated.

THE EVANGELISTIC CENTER IN JUAREZ, MEXICO

Bro. Harvey felt that there was a great need for an Evangelistic Center in Cd. Juarez, Mexico, and to prepare workers to carry the Gospel to other areas. Now that he was married and his wife was a Mexican, they could move to Mexico, without problems. He announced over the radio about this vision, and God spoke to an American rancher who responded, and he came to see Bro. Harvey and gave \$21,000.00 Dlls. for that project. This definitely was a miracle from God. A good location was found and a down payment was made, and then the construction began.



1st Floor Construction of The Evangelistic Center

While still conducting services in the rented building in El Paso, the construction of the Evangelistic Center in Cd. Juarez moved forward. The purchase of the land was about half of one block, with streets on 3 sides. Bro. Harvey had placed \$8,000.00 Dlls as a down payment, and the rest would be made in monthly payments. There were hard

times, but God supplied the need for the different ministries.

Mildred and Roy were also thrilled with how God had provided to build the Evangelistic Center in Mexico, while the other ministries continued. Many people were saved through the Radio Ministry, and at least 40 of those are now in full time ministry in different areas of Mexico and the U.S.

On their 1st wedding anniversary Bro. Harvey and Sis. Esperanza in 1973 left El Paso and moved into the building where the Evangelistic Center was, and later would build their house. People began coming to the services and God began to work, meeting their needs in Salvation, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and Healing of their bodies.

The construction moved ahead, and Roy helped in painting quite a bit, however he would take his time, as he was not as young as before. They also helped in placing the tile on the floor.

A RAINWATER FAMILY REUNION IN EL PASO AND MEXICO

During this time there was a special reunion of the Rainwater Family both in El Paso, and then in Mexico to see what was going on with the Rainwater's. There had not been a get together since back in the 1950's in E. Palo Alto. Dewey, Ethel, Joanne, Harvey, Mildred, and Roy were all present for that meeting which lasted for several days and was the last Family reunion. Later, there were times when different family members would come to El Paso, and also when Mildred and Roy would visit their son Dewey in Washington State, and their daughters Joanne in Wyoming, and Ethel in Missouri where they lived.



PRAISING THE LORD AT THE EVANGELISTIC CENTER IN JUAREZ, MEXICO

God was moving in a wonderful way at the Evangelistic Center and many people were finding the Lord, and having their needs met there. One man was walking down the street without any intention of ever going inside, when something told him: 'You are going to go inside there, and before he knew it he was inside of the church.' It was nothing other than the power of God that moved him. He got saved and God did many miracles in his life. Every service was something special, as God moved in a different way in every service. The Holy Spirit ministered to people just as they sat in the service. There were many prayer services that lasted for several hours after the main service, and the Holy Spirit ministered to many people that attended, and there were usually someone that received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. There is one young lady that was saved, baptized in water, and received the Holy Spirit as a result of some of those services of prayer. She is now a missionary from Mexico, in Colombia, S. America.

Also there were many cases of witchcraft and demon possession where Jesus set them free. Sometimes the cases were very complicated, however they were always delivered by the power of God. Jesus was the One

that did it.

THE FILADELPHA BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS

Within two years after moving into the building, which would be around 1975, the first classes of the Bible School began, with students coming from as far away as the State of Puebla. There were a number of teachers that were ministering in the Bible School either from Mexico, or from El Paso. Two teachers with their families were living at the facilities, one on the second floor, and the other on the third floor. The male students had their dormitory on the 2nd floor, and the young ladies were on the third floor. The students also would participate in the services of the Evangelistic Center, and in other churches around Cd. Juarez.

MILDRED AND ROY HAVE A VERY INTERESTING EXPERIENCE

There was always something going on, and as God was moving in the services, people were getting saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, the devil was mad about it. Bro. Harvey and his wife Esperanza had left on the train for Mexico City, and Mildred and Roy were staying in their apartment, and taking care of their son Joshua, while they were gone. All of a sudden a man opens the door and come into the area of the living room. He did not knock, nor did he show any credentials. As Mildred came in from the kitchen, with her apron on, this man who was a Mexican Immigration Officer, took hold of her shoulders, and began shaking her. He kept repeating: 'You are working here, and you do not have a permit to work.' As Roy who had been sitting in the living room got up from his chair and saw what was going on, he became very upset. As this man continued, Roy took his cane and began hitting this Immigration Official over the head with it. Roy did not know who this man was, or what his intentions were, and for that matter, neither did Mildred. You can imagine what type of a situation this turned out to be. About this time, a number of the students came running down the stairs to see what was going on. When they learned who this man was, and that he was looking for Bro. Harvey; at once they informed this man that both Bro. Harvey and his wife had left on the train for Mexico City that morning. This made the man extremely angry, and he started looking around to see if they were hiding somewhere, going into all of the rooms in the apartment, and then went upstairs. When he realized that they were not there, he left. Someone had spoken to the Immigration Office that Bro. Harvey was working in Mexico without a permit, and wanted him kicked out of Mexico. Sister Esperanza was a Mexican citizen and the property was in her name, so that did not affect her. The exact reason for why they had gone to Mexico City was to obtain a legal permit with the Immigration Office in Mexico City. The night before, God had warned Bro. Harvey and that was the reason why they had gone. When they returned on the train, an Immigration Official approached them and told them to immediately report to the Immigration Office in Cd. Juarez. This they did, however when the Main Immigration Official saw the legal papers of an Immigrant for Bro. Harvey that he was a Music Teacher, he began walking back and forth absolutely enraged. Finally when he saw that there was nothing that he could do against the Rainwater's, he dismissed them, saying that they had better watch their every move. This was only one incident, as every day was another episode of the battle against the forces of darkness, and the forces of light. When God is working among people meeting their needs, the devil always is upset and does not like it.



The students of the Bible School loved Mildred, as she was a real mother to all of



them. She was always cooking and fixing special things for them, which they liked very much. Mildred enjoyed being in the services as the students always participated in songs, ministry and special activities. These students that had come to prepare to work for God were spiritual, and knew what the power of God was all about, as they had also been present in a number of deliverance cases where people had been bound by spirits of witchcraft. They knew how to pray, and receive answers from the Lord. When they left to go into the Lord's service, God used them.

During this time Mildred and Roy were living in an apartment in El Paso.

MILDRED PLACES ROY IN A NURSING HOME

Roy was getting rather hard to handle for Mildred around 1977, and she decided that it would be best for him to have the constant care that was offered by a good Nursing Home, and the State of Texas helped her to make the arrangements, and the added expense was paid for by the government. Mildred moved into the apartment on the third floor of the Evangelistic Center and took charge of the young ladies there. She found time to visit Roy regularly and to take him things he asked for. Even with the busy schedule Bro. Harvey had, he also found time to visit his father, when he was in the Nursing Home. Ethel came to see Mildred and Roy about that time, as she lived in Missouri, and she did not know how long her father was going to be alive, and wanted to see him. Roy was in the Nursing Home for a number of months. One day in 1978 when Mildred went to see Roy he remarked: 'I have something to ask of you Mildred: Are you fulfilling your commitment to help Harvey as you promised me?' She looked at him, and said: 'Yes, Roy I am doing all I can to help Harvey.' Then he replied: 'Alright, that is all I wanted to know.'

At that very moment while he was speaking with Mildred, Roy was having a stroke, and no one knew about it. After she left, he died. When she came the next day, he was gone. He had fulfilled the promise he had made to God to help his son Harvey, in the ministry, and he did.

BRO. HARVEY BUILDS AN APARTMENT FOR MILDRED ON THEIR PROPERTY

Mildred had been living on the third floor of the Evangelistic Center for some time, when Bro. Harvey

decided that since the churches in Mexico are government property, that it would actually be better for Mildred to be at a different location, such as on their own property. He had made a wall between the property of the church and Bible School, and where he had build a very modest house. Their son Joshua was growing and always wanted to be close to his grandmother. To go from the church to the Rainwater's house, it was necessary to go out onto the street to be able to access their property. Bro. Harvey himself built the apartment for his mother, and when it was finished she moved in, and was there until around 1995. Mildred often testified or gave an exhortation that was appropriate for the occasion, however hers was a ministry of helps: behind the scenes. She was not looking to be seen.

THE LAST YEAR OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL

As the devil is always working against what God is doing, there began to be problems arise to stop the Bible School, by certain individuals, who finally succeeded, with the majority of the teachers leaving, and taking some of the students with them. Those in their final year, remained, and Bro. Harvey finished the school year, teaching all of the subjects himself, as God helped him. There was a beautiful graduation service and 3 were graduated from the Filadelpia Bible School. That was the last year of the Bible School. There are a number of the students that have gone into full time ministry for the Lord in different parts of Mexico, working with different denominations. All the glory belongs to Jesus, as He is the Lord of the harvest.

Jealousy is a terrible thing, and has destroyed many people, and work for God. At the Judgment Seat of Christ, all christians will answer for what they have done.

Bro. Harvey decided to start writing, and completed his 1st book [**ESTUDIOS SENCILLOS PARA UNA VIDA ABUNDANTE \(Simple Studies for an Abundant Life\)**](#).

MILDRED IS LIVING IN HER APARTMENT IN JUAREZ, MEXICO



About that time, Joshua went to live with his grandmother, and spent many hours together with her. This picture shows him getting ready to go to school with his books and lunchbox. Mildred would drive him to school and would pick him up when school got out. There were quite a few times when she would visit her daughter's Ethel and Joanne, and her son Dewey. On a number of occasions Joshua went with her. One time, there was not enough money for Joshua's fare, and he was very sad, as he wanted to go very badly. As he came into the house from the street, he saw something all rolled up close to the curb, and picked it up, and to his surprise it looked like money.

He went running into the house and went to his Dad, and asked if it was real money. His Dad looked at it, and it was a \$100.00 Dll. bill. Bro. Harvey replied: 'yes, it was, and where did you find it? When Joshua told him, Bro. Harvey said: 'It is yours, Joshua, you found it. This must be the money that God has provided for you to be able to go on the trip with Grandma.' This was just another miracle of how God works when we

love Him and are doing His will.

THE BEGINNING OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE

As Bro. Harvey had written 1 book, and began editing several Songbooks that were greatly needed among the churches in Mexico, he decided to start publishing them himself. God supplied the funds to purchase additional equipment, such a bookbinder with hot glue, and several other items. They already had a printing press which was printing the Magazine Nueva Vida, and a medium sized paper cutter. Bro. Harvey also wrote 3 additional books, and printed them. When finished there were 3 Songbooks of Special Songs, and 1 Chorus book. In 1989 he received 24 new songs 'The Sermon in Song' from the Lord, which had between 5-7 verses each. At that same time, he received a vision from the Lord about the Last Final Judgment and which is very well known at this time. All of these books and materials, including many cassettes, were all registered and copywrited in Mexico City, and some in the United States in Washington D.C.

To be able to dedicate his time to the Publishing House, Bro. Harvey released himself as Pastor of the Evangelistic Center, and turned the papers to the Church property over to another Pentecostal Denomination in Mexico to take over that church, where they are to this date.

Bro. Harvey's materials have been distributed to bookstores both throughout Mexico and the United States. He has given many books to ministries in Mexico, and prisons in the United States without any charge. Of course Mildred was always involved in anything that she could do to be of a help anywhere, and that help was accepted and appreciated very much. The Angel of God was always writing everything down of what she was doing, and she will have her reward.

Mildred always kept a watchful eye open concerning the equipment that was in the Publishing House, especially whenever anyone came in for whatever they needed.

To this date, the Publishing House is still publishing and distributing the materials of Bro. Rainwater, wherever they are requested.

BRO. RAINWATER TRAVELS TO SOUTHERN MEXICO IN MANY EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

As Joshua Rainwater, the son of Bro. Rainwater and Sis. Esperanza was now in his twenties, he took charge of the Publishing House, when his father began travelling. Bro. Rainwater had many meetings mainly among Church of God, and Assemblies of God churches, with many people being saved, and ministered to, especially through the presentation of the Projection on a large screen of the Final Judgment. This ministry was a blessing to many churches and God blessed in all of the services. There were services in cities both large and small, large churches and small churches. The majority of the services were in smaller towns, villages, both inside the churches, and outdoor openair meetings with large crowds.

MILDRED'S LIFE WAS DEDICATED IN SERVICE TO OTHERS

When Mildred felt that she was suppose to do something, there was nothing that would stop her, she always got the job done. There were some people who never did understand her, however, it would seem they were just not tuned into God to know His purpose and plan for her life.

God was with her in what she did, even though she was alone in what she did. When she was going from Juarez over the International Bridge into El Paso, she would leave very early to get ahead of the long lines of traffic. When she got to El Paso, she would pull into a gas station where she knew the owner, would curl up on the seat of her datsun pick-up under the large light and would rest for several hours, until the stores would open. There were however, incidents when she had problems with her truck. It seemed very strange that whenever something would happen, a man would approach her and ask if she had a problem. When he

found out it was her truck, he knew right away what to do, and in no time, she was able to proceed. All a person could say is that God had his angels watching over her in difficult places. She just took it for granted, and didn't have much to say about it, other than God was good to her.

She was just available for any need that presented itself in the Ministry. If it was to pick up someone and bring them to the services, and take them home, she did not need to be asked twice. At the Bible School, Hermana Milly (as the students would call her) she was dearly loved by all. Concerning the Radio Ministry, she would take the taped programs out to the radio station, which was at least some 8 miles from the church and her house. As far as folding the pages and putting them together of the Magazine Nueva Vida, and the large mailings each 4 months; she was always ready to help. There were around 1,000 mailed out to the United States in El Paso, and over 1,000 mailed out all over Mexico. Later the Ministry of the Publication of Bro. Rainwater's books, and orders that came in for them, she would fix the boxes, and mail them. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas, she always fixed a complete dinner with all the timings, as Bro. Harvey's wife Esperanza did not do much baking. It was either having the Rainwater family over to her place, or she would take everything over to their house to eat there.

It made no difference of what needed to be done, either with a hammer or a saw, she would just go ahead and do whatever she felt needed to be done. She was genuine, sincere, honest, and would not approve of people who would try to impress her. It would not work, as she could see right thru a person to what their real character was. There were occasions when she would notice a certain person that Bro. Rainwater had in the ministry, and she would say: 'That person has intentions of hurting you, don't have anything to do with them.' It seems as though she was always right, as whenever he didn't listen to her, usually he suffered for it. One of those occasions was when he was denounced by 2 Mexicans to the Mexican Immigration, and what she had said came true, to the very letter. God was working, however, as He stopped their evil efforts, and it came to nothing.

MILDRED MOVES BACK TO EL PASO

Only for the reason of the Medicare benefits for Mildred, Bro. Rainwater decided that she would have to go back to El Paso, when she was 90 years old. He found a nice apartment for her at the Salvation Army Apartments, and he helped her move in. He did not want her to go, and she was so good, however for her own benefit, and being out of the country, she could not claim one penny of medicare. Bro. Rainwater would visit her at least twice a week, and they would usually go out for lunch or dinner, which she enjoyed very much. She enjoyed riding around to the different errands that he had to do while in El Paso.

Her son Dewey would fly down from Washington State to see her about every other year, which she appreciated very much, and would stay for about a week to be able to be with her and talk about years gone by.

Her daughter Joanne also came to see her when she was at the apartment in El Paso.

In 1997 Bro. Rainwater began the new Ministry over the Internet, and Mildred was always enthused about the testimonies and what God was doing in people's lives through this effort. She read many of the articles in English, and received blessing from them. She was always asking about the Internet.

She had lived at the apartment for about five years, when she began having several falls, and it seemed as though she had also had several slight strokes. Bro. Rainwater realized that she would no longer be able to be by herself and needed attention, which he would not be able to give her. It was decided that she would need to go into a Nursing Home where she could have medical attention 24 hours a day. Before her 95th birthday, she moved into a Nursing Home and was there almost a year. During that time, her daughter Joanne came to see her and was with her almost a week, and later Joanne's daughter came to see her. These visits made her

very happy and content, and she remarked about them.

She had been confined to a wheel-chair since about the 2nd month that she had been in the Nursing home, so that she would not fall. Her life had been a very full life, and she knew that she had lived way over the time allotted her, as she had outlived all of her brother's and sister's, and those of her husband.

MILDRED GOES HOME TO HEAVEN

On September 22, 2000, Mildred laid down to rest, fell asleep, and woke up on the celestial shore, where all of her family, friends, and the angels were waiting to give her a great welcome. As she left her body, a life of service and ministry to others had been completed, and her book of works for Jesus on this earth was closed by the angel. That book will be opened once again at: [The Judgment Seat of Christ](#), after the first resurrection, at the 2nd coming of Christ. There the Book of her life will be opened once again, and she will be judged and rewarded for what she has done for Jesus while on this earth.

The service celebrating her triumphant entry into Glory on October 2nd, 2000, was very joyful with the congregational singing '**WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN**' and '**BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES.**' These songs were directed by Envoy of the Salvation Army Jackie Lynch, Administrator of the apartments where Mildred had lived for 5 years. A very touching and heartfelt Homily was given by her grandson Joshua about his Grandmother. The song that Mildred had requested many years before was sung: '**THE EASTERN GATE,**' by Bro. Marvin Schaible, President of Mexico Missionary Evangelism, Inc., and Rev. Ramon Lake, Treasurer, gave several scriptures about Heaven. Bro. Harvey Rainwater brought the Message entitled: **REWARDS**, with texts in I Cor. 2:9-10; 3:11-15; and II Cor. 4:17-18. The service was beautiful and was not sad, as she is now rejoicing with the Lord.

INFORMATION CONCERNING HER FAMILY

The Rainwater family had four children. Dewey Rainwater, the oldest, and his wife Pearl live in Marysville, Washington and have three children, and 4 grandchildren. Ethel Marie Davison, and her husband Louis live in Streater, Illinois, and have five children, and 11 grandchildren. Joanne Irene Davison, and her husband Duane live in Powell, Wyoming, and have 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. The youngest, Harvey Roy Rainwater, and his wife Esperanza live in Juárez, Chihuahua, México, and have one son Joshua, who works in sales at the Spanish Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Tx.
