

Ruben Archibeque

ROYAL RANGER RESTORED TO PERFECT HEALTH

On February 17, 1986, a telephone operator interrupted a phone call to inform me of an emergency. A lady in the church was calling to tell me that Ruben Archibeque, 10, had been digging a cave when it collapsed on him. The call came to me because both the pastor and the associate were out of town.

It had been 20-30 minutes before Ruben was rescued. The situation looked hopeless.

After hanging up the phone, I fell prostrate before the Lord to plead for Ruben's life. Immediately the Spirit impressed my heart that Ruben would not die.

Then I drove to the hospital, arriving just minutes after the ambulance. I met and prayed with Rudy, the boy's father.

The parents, a fellow minister, and I went into the special care unit where the seemingly lifeless body lay. We anointed Ruben with oil and laid our hands on him and prayed. Immediately he began to move, although he was still unconscious.

The doctors told his parents Ruben would be flown to Albuquerque. A friend and I volunteered to drive them the 5-hour trip since they could not go on the plane.

Many members of both Assemblies of God churches in Silver City had gathered in the hospital hallway to pray and offer support to the griefstricken parents. Members of our church had called friends. Calls were also made to two major television ministries for prayer.

The next evening doctors informed the family that Ruben's brain was dead on the right side and only 20 percent active on the left. Everything medically had been done for him. They expected he would die before morning. If he lived, doctors said he would be like a vegetable.

In spite of these bad reports, our church refused to give up.

The next day Ruben woke up from the coma and became totally active. By the following week he was home.

Ruben is a Pioneer Royal Ranger, a member of Outpost 61. He knows Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

As a result of this incident, numerous testimonies have been given by people who were touched by the Lord and now live closer to Him.— Rudy D. Alderete, director of prison ministry, Glad Tidings Church, Silver City, N. Mex.

charged with this crime. By the grace of God, the family was able to endure the trial and to face those who had so violently abused them.

On a Wednesday night during the week of the trial, Darrell had ministered to the growing congregation in Belau. It was an emotional time for the congregation and for the Beebes as they once again worshiped together.

"Satan thought he was going to chase God's people out of Belau," Darrell said. "But he was wrong. God is doing a work. There are more believers in Belau than when we left. We are still alive. Jesus is still Lord, and we will be victorious."

He challenged the congregation to build their foundation deep in Christ, so when the winds of adversity blow, they too can stand sure and firm. He assured these new believers that God does work everything "for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

The Beebes feel they have grown through this experience. They believe growth comes through conflict, and their faith in God is deeper and stronger as a result of this test. They will continue their work for Him as they go on to a new mission field among the U.S. military personnel based overseas.



Missionary Judy Cagle and her husband Wayne have served in the Far East since 1970, and he is now area representative for the Southern Area of the Far East. The Cagles were with the Beebes

during the trial in Belau in November 1986. At that time the three attackers were sentenced to prison.