



ILENE NAGLE MEMORIAL

On March 20, 2021 my dear wife, Ilene, went to be with the Lord Jesus. It is with great joy I make this announcement, as she is now interacting with believers from generations past and family that has gone before her. She is not suffering or in pain from her past life in this world. She has a new body and has been transformed awaiting the elect. With this hope we have no fear.

I Corinthians 15: 54-55, "Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

~ Don Nagle



RAMON & ESTHER

Because we were obedient by faith, God showed us He had plans for us to work with Pastor Ramon and Esther as partners in Ministry.

As we began to develop a relationship with them, it was clear that our goals would be to develop a seminary that would PARTNER, TRAIN, SEND and SUPPORT educated church planters. The seminary started in 2006. Teams came to help build the infrastructure. In that time Ilene and I continued our Biblical education. I finished my doctoral thesis and Ilene completed a master's degree in Biblical studies.

LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Through those early years in Mexico, we came to realize that I needed to learn more Spanish. Ilene had taken Spanish in high school and college. We took several six-week Spanish classes in Guadalajara, Ilene at level 3 and 4 and me at level 1. She advanced rapidly.

Ilene was a gifted linguist. The best example was when we returned to El Papalote. In her in-depth conversation with the sisters in the church they asked her a question. "HOW LONG DID IT TAKE YOU TO LEARN ENGLISH SO YOU COULD SPEAK TO DON?" It was then I realized how gifted Ilene was. She later taught Old testament Survey, Hebrews, The Minor Prophets, and The Elements Teaching Children in the seminary.



NEARLY 51 YEARS TOGETHER

Ilene spent fifty years with me. We were married in June 1970. She followed my lead with great faith and courage, never hesitating the adventure ahead.



We were blessed with four children, which we loved and for which we sacrificed to provide the best future for them. Things were not always easy or perfect, but we partnered together, unified to serve God with our lives. God gave me the partner I needed, and I believe that I am person she needed.

As the children grew up and we became more independent we decided to develop a nonprofit organization to minister in Mexico. In May 1999, NORTHERN LIGHT MINISTRIES was born. As we began to seek God's direction, He made it clear He wanted us to trust Him completely. After a few years of support development and short team mission trips we were ready to go full time. After we reached a goal of \$1500/mo. support we purchased a used fifth wheeler and we headed south to Mexico in 2003.

"SO... WHAT WILL I BE DOING?"

Shortly after completing the 300 page document for non-profit in 1999 Ilene asked me, "What will be my job in Mexico?" (a question asked by many visitors and new staff before they begin ministry in Mexico). Most of our married life Ilene and I served in separate ministry positions: Ilene in Children's ministry and I in youth ministry.

MEDICAL MINISTRY

Developing "COMPASSION MINISTRY"

Prior to NLM, Ilene had hospital nursing, home health, administrative education, and hospital emergency experience. A year in Africa gave her experience for all kinds of medical care at Ivory Coast Academy plus having our fourth child, Linda. I married a talented, versatile partner.



God had prepared her for his calling in Mexico; I am so thankful.

COMPASSION MINISTRY was started by Ilene to develop health care for pastors, students, and church members. This includes dental care, medications, medical tests, and doctors' appointments.

The door was always open to our home for medical care. Many times prayer, counsel, and biblical advice were part of the diagnoses.



OAXACA

Ilene developed a desire to share the gospel in Spanish. There were many trips to Oaxaca in which Ilene shared the Gospel to indigenous women. Some became Christians. Her love for the Mexican people resonated through her grasp of the Spanish language. I believe God blessed her with this ability.

We both developed key passages that were emphasized in the Seminary teaching and used to communicate the Gospel clearly. These verses and lessons are now presented in the Baja Bible Seminary as well as in the Seminary extension in Oaxaca.



There was an immediate love for the hard working field workers who came to the Baja for better jobs. Many were from the state of Oaxaca. Our first six graduates all originated from Oaxaca. SENEN and BERNADITA were the first Mexican missionaries to return to their homeland in 2008.



This extended our ministry to the state of Oaxaca in the last 13 years where there are now five churches started. There is also now a OAXACA COMPASSION MINISTRY started by Ilene: Oaxaca for Pastors and Missionaries.

ROMANS 10:10-15

10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. 13 For Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.

14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? 15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, how beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!



GOD'S GRACE

I believe God extended His grace to Ilene in the last months of her life. We were blessed by our children, grandchildren, and the addition of a seventh grandchild. This was a special blessing for Ilene to hold the newborn Stevie Lee Donahue and love her for a few months.

Thank you, Lord!

Dios Le Bendiga - Don Nagle



Ilene had a deep compassionate heart that was evident by her love and care for the Mexican people. So great was her love that at times we would need to calm her zeal to keep her from giving excessively.

Her love was reciprocated as she was greatly loved by many of the women, many children and the church planters as well. Many children called her Abuelita, (grandma) even after becoming adults themselves.

Her great focus was on Mexico's unreached indigenous. She cared for their physical and medical needs thru her unique diagnostic abilities. Although only a nurse, she read and consulted physicians to be able to treat needs of people who were otherwise beyond the reach of good medical resources.

Ilene was a creative teacher and even took the class to a hilltop to understand the

concept of panorama. Her classes on evangelism and teacher training classes were filled with many creative teaching techniques. She encouraged the students to explore new methods to present the gospel and other biblical truths.

Ilene was the visionary for Northern Light Ministries. It was Ilene that caused us to consider a camp, a home for seniors, sending graduates to Oaxaca, starting our extension seminary and taking medical care to homes of the community.

~ Dwight and Sarah Hires

HOPE

The experience of meeting Don and Ilene as missionaries was an eye-opening experience. We learned that Don and Ilene both taught at the Bible Seminary and Ilene was also a nurse and would visit those in the area who were ill. On one occasion Ilene asked me to go with her to help her get supplies in and out of her car when she stopped to visit each one. Ilene spoke fluent Spanish and she began each visit by praying for the person and then with Christ like love she asked questions while she got their vital signs. Then with a smile and a sweet tone in her voice, she gave them encouragement and instructions to get them well. Each person's response was gratefulness that Ilene came to see them.

The second year we went to Papalote, Mike also had an experience getting to know Ilene as a nurse. On the first day, our team's project was to work outside in the sun. We were given instructions that while we were there to be sure to drink only water from the 5-gallon dispenser or from water bottles we brought with us. Then we prayed and the team got to work, and it was a beautiful warm day. But by the end of the day, Mike said he didn't feel good; he had a headache and felt nauseous! Ilene was told Mike was sick and she said please bring him over. After we arrived at her house, she proceeded to ask him questions and within minutes Ilene knew that Mike was dehydrated. She asked Mike "How much water did you drink today?" His answer was "None, I didn't want to have to leave work to walk a whole block down to the bathroom, being the El hefa (boss) and everything." After he got the IVs and we were about to leave, Ilene began to laugh as she started to tell Mike with a scolding tone in her voice, that he MUST drink lots of water every day and MORE if the weather is warm or hot like it was today!

~ Mike and Cecilia Palm

In remembrance and love and respect for Ilene Nagle

The first thing that comes to mind when we think about Ilene Nagle is her love for the people of Mexico. She was the first one in our core group of four couples to learn Spanish well enough to be able to teach without the help of an excellent Spanish-speaker. She could translate all of the material that she needed for Bible classes to be used in the classroom.

Her knowledge of the language helped her become very close to the pastors and their wives in both Papalote, and Oaxaca. So she spent many hours praying and planning as the ministry grew from four churches in the Baja area to seven established churches with trained pastors in the Baja and in Oaxaca.

One of our memories is a trip to Oaxaca to be at Chuy and Marisol's wedding. She planned the whole five-day trip for 10 of us. Chuy is a special young man who had spent three years in the seminary, two years as Dale's apprentice, and just recently has been able to fulfill his dream of being a pastor. This wedding was the first Christian wedding in the whole Chalcatongo valley. A very significant event for our team and their church, as we all had much prayer and work poured into Chuy. Ilene convinced the hotel we stayed in to feed us breakfast each day, provide two sheets for each bed, allow us a meeting space. She was a gifted organizer.

~ Dale and Carol Crumrine



Although she was effective as a nurse, Ilene had an even greater desire for them to hear and respond to the gospel. She shared the gospel freely with anyone who would listen, whether on an airplane or in a home while meeting physical needs.

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OUR TEAM

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