On July 24, 2014, at 11:31 PM, "Benjie Marcelino" <[benjiemarcelino@ymail.com](mailto:benjiemarcelino@ymail.com)> wrote:

Pastor King,

*We have a young lady in our church that I want to share her story/testimony of what God has done for her. Her name is Roselyn, she is 18 years old. She came from a poor family and by the help of God, she is now studying in a university taking up Bachelor of Elementary Education. She is faithful in her church attendance, in her tithes and offering, and she is a good example to our young people. As her pastor, it is a joy to see saints like her who are faithful living for God. How I wish that every child of God would be like her:-)*

**This is her letter:**

2011 is the year that God brought me to the people that He used, so that I would know the truth. It is the year that He opened my heart and my mind to understand His will in my life.

God used this pastor so that I would be able to understand the Word of God, the truth which set me free from the bondage of sin and gave light to my life. I have seen the love and compassion of this pastor for souls which I have never seen from other pastors that I know. I believe that he was sent by God to care and feed the sheep.

I was won to the Lord through bible studies at our house. I had a lot of questions, especially about the "Oneness of God." I praise God, because He used this pastor to correct all the false teachings that the false teachers injected in my mind. Little by little, I had the interest to study the word of God. At that time, I was sick with insomnia, so I used those nights that I couldn't sleep to read my bible which helped me to understand more of His word.

I was a Baptist for many years but I didn't feel any change in my life. I was listening to sermons but it wasn't getting in my mind, so I stopped going to church. All I knew before is, I was living on earth just to eat, sleep and do what I wanted to do. I thought that this was the only purpose of my life. I never knew that God would call me to be one of His children but by His mercy and grace I came to know Him. On April 22, 2011 I repented of my sins, was baptized in Jesus Name for the remission of my sins and I became a new creature. I praise God for what He did in my life. Even though I am not worthy, He still loves me.

At first it was not easy for me to walk as a Christian. I have learned that there are things that God does not want us to do. As a child of God we need to be separate from the things that this world is doing and we need to live a holy life. When our pastor taught us that we should not be watching movies...women should wear dresses...it was painful to hear. Every word that he said hit me and in my mind it was hard to do and accept. Many didn't go through because they couldn't surrender their old ways. I thank God because He kept me and I am able to obey His word. When I started wearing dresses, I heard positive and negative comments from people around me. I ignored the bad comments. What I put in my mind is holy and it is the Lord that I am serving so I need to live a holy life. "...holiness, without which no man shall see God."

After a few months I received the gift of the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues. I feel joy and peace in my heart every time I am filled with the Holy Ghost. The Spirit of God taught me many things that I, at first, didn't understand. He had given me power to witness. Praise God! He used me to share the gospel with other people. One of my fruits is Eric, a young man who is faithful living for God.

I was 5 years old when my mother began training me to sing. I couldn't read yet at that time but when I heard the song I memorized it right away. Only now do I understand that it was a preparation for me for this time. I am now a member of our church worship team, being used willingly for the glory of God.

It has been 3 years and 3 months that I have been serving the Lord. The biggest trial that came in my life is when my mom and dad turned away from the truth. They backslid from church and went back to the world. My heart was broken and I felt very low and down spiritually because my desire for them is to be saved. The hurt that I am feeling is getting deeper every time I see them doing the things that are against the will of God. There were times when doubt came into my mind, as if God was no longer listening to my cry and prayer to Him.

It almost reached the point that my family was torn apart because my dad has no job, is always drunk and always fights with my mom. My mom is the one who took responsibility for all our everyday needs: paying bills, food etc. She is selling food on the streets and the money she gets is not enough to support us. That is why she is in huge debt. She turned to gambling for she thought that she might get more money but it made the situation worse. At that time I thought that God had already left me. Then I realized and understood that He is the only solution to what I am going through. "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." That is His word that kept me.

Another trial that I experienced is when my dad was hospitalized because of hypertension. This was his second stroke attack and I thought this was the end of his life. I prayed and put my trust in God and said, "whatever is your will Lord, let it be done". God gave my dad a second chance to live and I believe he has a purpose. I keep holding to His word that says, "I will grant the desires of the righteous according to their faithfulness". I believe that God is true to His word and faithful to His children that are obeying Him. "...all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose." We don't have money to spend when my dad is in the hospital but God provided everything my dad needs. God didn't forsake us and I am so thankful to Him!

I remember a situation that God turned into a miracle. It was my examination day at school. I needed to pay my tuition fee before I could take the exam and the money that I had was not enough. I prayed and told God that He is rich. I told Him that what I needed was only a little amount to Him, and that I believed He would give it to me. Instantly, he provided what I needed! I praise Him! I am so thankful for all His goodness in my life. "In everything we have to give thanks unto the Lord." I am so grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ. He took me out of darkness and brought me to His marvelous light. Without Him I am totally nothing! I am blessed for I am one of the seeds that are planted in the ground.

My desire is to be used by God in a mighty way and to win souls for His glory! In many ways I am being strengthened every time He uses me. With His help, I will stay strong and I believe that there is more that He will do in my life, for His Glory. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Lord, you are all I need. Thank you Jesus!

     TO JESUS BE THE GLORY FOREVER!