

More than 100 attend fundraiser in memory of Elena Miraval

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A beloved Church sister in Peru, Elena Miraval, ascended Tuesday, shortly after an outdoor fundraiser for her on Labor Day in Queens, New York. Despite heavy thunderstorms Monday afternoon, more than 100 Hispanic church members and several guests gathered for a fundraiser barbecue for the family of Cesar Miraval, a stalwart member of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (WFWPU). Mrs. Elena Miraval, who has been living in Peru with their three children, had been battling cancer. She passed into the spiritual world early Tuesday morning.

The fundraiser was organized by Esteban and Joan Quispe, and Auria Cerna with help from Maria Cano, and Auria's daughter, Stephanie. The Quispe's sent out an email to the Family Federation Church in Queens, New York, which gave the following advisory:

"Cesar Miraval's wife, Elena, has cancer. She and the children are still in Peru, but Cesar, of course, is still here helping Auria with her flower business. Cesar will go to Peru on Tuesday to help his wife and to assess the situation with his kids. Cancer treatment can be very expensive, and in Peru people pay themselves. They do not have health insurance. We spoke with Auria and decided Labor Day would be a perfect day to have a fundraising barbeque for Cesar's family. We hope you can help us by sending this attached flyer to the members of the Queens Church.

*Thank you .God Bless,
Esteban and Joan Quispe"*



Esteban and Auria spent many hours barbecuing the meats and fish, while Joan tirelessly prepared the side orders in the kitchen with help from Maria and Stephanie. It is not the first time that Joan and Esteban have held fundraising events for families facing hardship or for community gatherings for Hispanic Church members, or the Queens Church and their guests.

The Hispanic Church members, their guests and several members from the Queens Church attended the event. Some came from as far as New Jersey. Hispanics, by nature, are a very social and community minded people, as are the Koreans and Japanese. They have always been active in witnessing and in community activities. The national director of the Hispanic branch of the Family Federation, Rev. Ricardo de Sena, has been traveling throughout the country and island nations in the Caribbean organizing workshops, appointing pastors, and connecting the larger Hispanic Community. Hispanics are currently one of the largest ethnic groups in America, and are displaying a lot of political influence. Now, as Hispanic Unificationists are becoming better organized, they have tremendous potential to reach out to other Hispanics and to connect them to True Parents and the building of Cheon Il Guk.

Cesar Miraval is as wonderful a brother as one could hope to meet in our movement. He also has served as a lecturer on several Hispanic Divine Principle workshops. He and Elena have had five children and have presented two of them as offerings to childless blessed couples.



Cesar recently advised friends that his wife has had stomach cancer which has been spreading.. Their three children, Cesar, Jr., (25), Dokhwa Morland (17) and Sung Jung Magenta (8) are at home in Peru with their mother.

Cesar called friends recently to report that his wife had ascended into the spirit world at 1 a.m. Tuesday. He had spoken to her at about 8 p.m. on the evening of the fundraising event and told her that many members came to support the event and that she sounded happy and at peace.

Elena's Seonghwa will be in Peru on Saturday. As Cesar flies to Peru to make all preparations and makes plans for his three children, his expenses will be very high. He told me that his older son is already an adult (25 years old) but that for his other two children, he will need to begin applying for their immigration visas. Let' pray for Cesar and Elena's exemplary family!



This morning Ricardo de Sena sent out an email to all Latino families in the United States. The following is a translation.

Dear Latino Family in the United States:

We know from the Divine Principle we have a temporary physical life and an eternal spiritual life. Our dear sister Elena Miraval, Cesar Miraval's wife, has begun her transition to eternal life today, September 3, at 1:00 a.m.. Elena has served God and True Parents tirelessly from the first day she joined. She is a beautiful daughter of the True Parents, sister, wife and mother, and we heard from Cesar this Sunday at church, meaningful moments that will always be in our hearts.

Let us join together and support the whole family of Elena in this special moment and together pray for her victorious transition to a glorious life in the spiritual world.

May God bless you!
Ricardo de Sena

Donations can be sent to Esteban and Joan Quispe
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Or contact Auria Cerna

Checks should be made out to Cesar Miraval.