

"We began to work. In the next few-days, I felt something in the air that something was about to happen. The people were very quiet. Every-day we faintly heard bombs going off and machine gun fire until the end of August when you could hear them right in the neighborhoods where we lived. Both guerilla fighters and the National Guard were there. I was a little afraid because of everything that had happened until Elder Guymon told me, 'It's not necessary to be afraid. We're in the work of the Lord and we're not alone. The Lord has angels for each one of us to protect us.'"

-Elder Marco Baldi-

"When we passed by a mob of people, I could feel how the Lord helped us. They never did anything to us and on several occasions they all spread out when we passed by. My testimony was strengthened for that which happened and that which happened to the rest of our companions and I know without any doubt that the Lord helped us and continued helping us. I am grateful to the Lord for taking us out of this situation and giving me the sufficient strength to report everything."

-Elder Miguel Araya-

"The guardia and the students started fighting in the different areas of the city and alot of that action was in our area and a few times they were fighting and shooting right by our house. We could even hear the slugs flying over our house. Anyway, with all of these problems, it wasn't safe at all to work at night, and sometimes we couldn't in the evening because the Spirit told us not to. I loved the members and the people I associated with. They were good people but the majority were against us. I felt real bad that we left all of our baptisms behind because we had worked so hard for them."

-Elder Lynn Lewis-

"Wednesday, Elder Guymon and I had to get changed in our passports. We tried to talk to this Captain, but we couldn't get past the guard. We then went to talk to this Colonel and he told us it was impossible. After that, we had just about lost hope, when I told Elder Guymon that a prayer would sure help. He just looked at me and said, 'yeah'. Well, we both said our own prayer and then went in to talk to this General. He then went over to talk to some woman and then the woman walked over to where we were both standing and said, 'Come back at 3:00PM. They'll be ready then.' We both walked out of there shocked. This is just one example of about 20 experiences this past week. Probably the best part is this; I learned how to have spiritual experiences."

-Elder John Edwards-

"We were giving a discussion to a nurse. When we finished, something said to me, 'You must leave now and go to the house.' I thought, 'It's very early.' It was only 7:30 at night. Well, we started home and on the way we had to pass five blocks of military commandos. There wasn't anyone outside. All of the doors were shut. We heard two girls on top of a wall yell, 'Run because the guerilla fighters are here.' My companion grabbed me tightly, but I had the strength and we began to walk slowly. We arrived at our house and entered quickly. We were in the house for only three minutes when the guerilla fighters and the military began to fight. It was horrible!"

Sister Denuay Barrantes-

"I firmly believe that God lives and loves us greatly since His protection in our lives has been very obvious. If we had returned to our house two minutes later we might have been killed or wounded on the street. I don't have the words to express my thanks to my Heavenly Father for so much love he has had for us, the sister missionaries. He is omniscient and foresees everything for us, his children."

-Sister Adays Ortega-

"A few days later we were in the house of an investigator teaching an F discussion. The investigator lived a half block from a high school. During the plat, the students started to demonstrate, throwing bombs and chanting. We continued teaching and soon the National Guard arrived in front of the investigator's house and started shooting to disperse the students. We kept on teaching. Things quieted down a little for a few minutes. Suddenly, there was a great shout, more explosions followed by more shooting. We kept on teaching. More shooting and then a bullet came winging through the house where we were. Everybody hit the floor and got below the level of the cement part of the wall. We continued the discussion and finished it from the floor."

-Elder Kevin Moss-