

# The Rogers Family - Missionaries to Chile

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Prayer Letter for April-June 2009  
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Dear Friends and Co-laborers,

We are thankful that our trip to the States has been going well. We have enjoyed spending time with family and friends, getting involved at our home church, and visiting other churches.

In April, I participated in a missions conference at Calvary Baptist Church in Rosharon, Texas. Pastor Gary Brittain and his wife, Brenda, are former missionaries to Chile. At that conference, I was told a couple of stories that illustrate the importance of a Godly heritage—and I would like to pass these stories on to you.

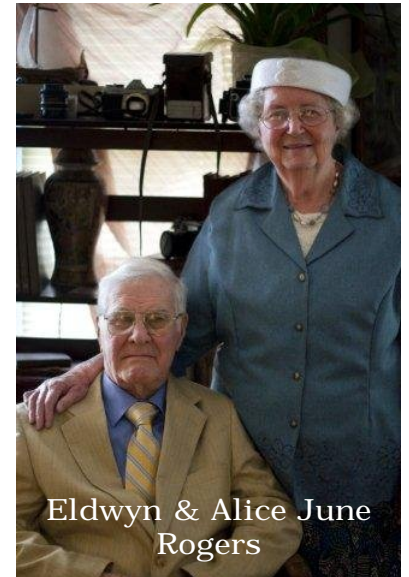
The first story was told to me by Ron Zabrowski, a pastor who was attending the conference. He shared with me that in the early 1980's he was pastoring a small church in Arkansas and was going through some difficult economic times. One day, my parents showed up at his home with a car trunk full of groceries. My parents stayed to eat with the Zabrowskis and, during the meal, found out that their car was not running because the starter had "died." My dad then went out, purchased a starter, and helped Pastor Zabrowski install it.

The second story was related by Pastor Brittain in one of the conference services. In 1979, the Brittains were a newly-arrived missionary family in Chile, barely making ends meet. One day, a red car came down the dirt road on which they lived and stopped in front of their house. They looked out, wondering who was in the vehicle. My parents, Eldwyn and Alice June Rogers (whom the Brittains had never met), got out of the car. After introducing themselves, they proceeded to unload some bags of groceries they had brought for the new missionaries. Furthermore, before they left the Brittains' home that afternoon, my parents gave them an offering of \$200.00 (which, in 1979 was a sum of money worth much more than it is at present).

Now, my parents were never afflicted with an excess of money. I remember that our family lived in an extremely frugal manner when I was a child and teenager. My parents' gave, not because they had a great deal of money, but because they truly believed that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

These stories, still remembered many years later by those who were the beneficiaries of my parents' generosity, encouraged me once more to be thankful for my heritage and to honor God by serving others. I trust this letter—which is a little different than our usual letters—will be a blessing, encouragement and motivation to you. May we all be remembered as faithful and generous servants of the King.

In Christ,  
Philip, Wendy, Brooke & Bryson



Eldwyn & Alice June  
Rogers

PS After I had made the decision to share these stories with you, my dad suffered two or three heart attacks and had to have two stents put in arteries. We ask your prayers for his recovery, as well as strength for my mom, who is his main caregiver.