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## In Remembrance of Rev. Lina Yerin Gallegos de Thurston 1948-2012



In loving memory of Rev. Lina Yerin Gallegos de Thurston who left us all to soon. Pastor, musician, professor, author, leader, servant, wife and mother, Lina went to be with the Lord. She not only impacted and ministered thousands of lives across Latin America, also left a legacy of hope, faith and love.

Over 1000 people gathered at the "Camino a Ganaan" cemetery on Friday, February 2nd, 2012, to bid farewell to one of Chile's much-loved Christian leaders. Lina passed away at the age of 63 following 46 years of service to Christ.

Lina was known as a dedicated faithful servant of the Lord with a focus to see people come to faith in Christ and grow in their spiritual lives.

We would say rest in peace, but she is not resting, but rejoicing with our Savior. She has entered the greatest worship service which will last throughout all eternity. We are comforted that she is finally with her maker, the One she lived her life devoted to.

We have wonderful memories of her service and love for the Lord. She will always be in our hearts and will be deeply remembered, and will be sadly missed. We thank God for her legacy.

It is now time for us to continue to do our part for the Kingdom with the same uncompromising faith she had.

*"Death isn't extinguishing the light.  
It is turning out the lamp  
because dawn has come."*

For Lina, the dawn has now come. Amen & Amen!



Lina had a life-long passion for the Lord's ministry. She affected the lives of tens of thousands in person, and even more through our media ministries. Her enthusiasm for people and the Lord's work was always a great encouragement.

A memorial account has been opened to endow the ministries that were the passion of her life. Her loss has been a difficult blow. Yet together we can turn this into a victory by continuing the ministries that highlighted her life.

If you would like to be a part of the Lina Thurston Memorial, or if you would like to honor Lina, You may do so by sending your tax-deductible gift to Integrity Ministries P.O. BOX 1217, Oaks, PA 19416, USA, making your gift out to Integrity Ministries and note on the memo it is for The Lina Thurston Memorial Fund.



## OBITUARY



Rev. Lina Thurston went home to be with the Lord on January 31, 2012, in Chile after suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). Born February 23, 1948, in Santiago, Chile, Lina grew up in an urban setting where high walls and closed environments are normal. She joined Campus Crusade for Christ in 1966, as campus staff and where she would meet her husband, Jim Thurston, founder and Director in Chile. She graduated from the University of Santiago in 1969 and was an Education Major. In 1976, she recorded an album "Sweet Truth" and as part of Campus Crusade toured part time for three years evangelizing with a Christian band called Grupo Liberación.

Since her early days as a campus evangelist, she fulfilled her lifelong emphasis on the need to evangelize and mentor women. In 1974, she started a prayer campaign and had over 2500 women praying daily throughout Chile. In 1978, Lina and her husband Jim helped pioneer the first video studio in Chile where they recorded Bible classes via video and distributed them to pastors, leaders and lay people throughout Chile. In 1987, she received a graduate degree in Theology from ISUM (Instituto de Superación Ministerial). She was a Bible school teacher for many years and was also elected as the Women's Ministry President of a large denomination for several years in Chile, a job that would help her understand more profoundly the needs of Christian Women.

In 1998, Lina became an ordained minister. In the late 80's, she was asked to start an Aglow International office in Chile, a ministry that specializes in the evangelization of women in 172 countries around the world. Soon thereafter, Lina was asked to join the board of Aglow International made up of 7 selected women from around the world. She leaves a legacy of thousands of women who have met Christ through her 46 years of ministry.

Apart from her personal ministry, she served along side her husband working for Integrity Ministry as missionaries and helping to develop one of the world's largest Spanish-speaking Christian Internet sites which is now producing an Internet Bible training program. Last December, she was able to pass the torch over to her staff to continue the women's ministry work in Chile.

She was known for smiling and never giving up at whatever she set to accomplish. She was always a warm person, very hospitable, somebody with a sharp legal mind in defense of the less fortunate, and somebody who enjoyed taking care of her family and friends. Over a 1000 people attended the memorial and funeral services made up of pastors from many different denominations and hundreds of friends. She was loved by many in Chile and abroad.

Lina was 63 years old and is survived by her husband Jim, three children, Paul, Steve and Mary Jane, and three grandchildren Jordan, Joshua and Sarai.

## Prayer Requests

- Please keep the entire Thurston family in your prayers as they mourn but rejoice in seeing a wife, mother and grandmother finish the race to victory.
- There is an urgent need of \$5,000 dollars to cover some much needed expenses for the Thurston family. Please prayerfully consider helping in this time of financial need.