

## MY LIFE THEN AND NOW

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When I was still a child, my relationship with my parents and with the Lord was not okay. We went to church but it was just for show. Even when I got married, my relationship with my husband was not stable. We usually quarreled every night about his vices. I got tired of this. I wanted to give up. I even attempted to suicide. I want to rest from this. I plunged myself in gambling and drinking, to get even with what he was doing. This was the only way for me to forget my problems.



My daughter became a part of a choir of a Catholic church. I thought it was the way of the Lord so that we could become close to Him but I didn't see any change. I was also invited to a Bible study, but I declined. I felt I wasn't ready.

**April 12, 2004.** Our house was burned in just a snap. They said it was *karma* but it was the Lord making a way for us. My daughter joined the Daily Vacation Bible School. Pastor Albert was one of those who handled the programs. He wasn't a Pastor yet at that time. He willingly taught my daughter at home. I got to hear the Word of God, which he taught and explained. I joined the worship activities in NCF. Starting that day, there were Bible studies at home. It was May 12, 2005 when I accepted the Lord Jesus as my Savior and Lord of my life. The burning of our house was not a *karma*. It was the Lord's plan for us. My four children accepted Him, too. I know God has still plans for my husband and my whole family.

I thank the Lord for He gave me rest and strength in my trials. As the Lord said, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Truly, His love is so good and faithful to us. Even if we fail Him, He is merciful and still showers blessings.

Now, my husband accepted the Lord Jesus. Praised God! He is not finished with us or with you. I will continue to praise Him and exalt His name, Amen!