

Maria Cristina's farewell letter to her sponsor

Dear sponsor,

So many years have already gone by since I had the blessing of knowing you through the foundation and even today I cannot begin to understand how marvelous God has been to me for having put you in my path.

It has been 17 years, a whole lifetime shared with you in spite of the distance, in spite of the fact that I have never heard your voice, nor you mine.

I have never had the pleasure of embracing you in gratitude for your support, and in spite of this, I feel as if I have known you since I was born, as if you are an integral part of my family, related by blood.

Today I write, not to say goodbye, but to thank you from the bottom of my heart for having accompanied me this far, up to where I am, up to what I am.

I cannot describe the sensations and emotions with which I share with you the news that we have achieved success which began to take shape a long time ago.

“We” have, because my success, in union with my family, is not only mine, but ours.

I share it with all those who form part of the ideal group who helped me to achieve it. Those who, without even meeting me, without me being from their country, put their trust in me and encouraged me at every moment.

A special family, one person in particular who taught me much more than she can imagine.

She taught me to persevere, to share and above all that helping my neighbor is doing so rather than thinking about it, and that my neighbor is not only the person who is next to me, but the person who is in need of me no matter where that person might be.

We have been through some rough times and even though there is another person who, just like you, from the very beginning shared this dream with me and today he is not physically among us, I am sure that he has been and will always be by our side.

And I'm also grateful to him because without both of you perhaps I might have fallen off the track because of the adversities that confronted me, since it was a hard and long walk, though, finally, very satisfying.

I cannot find the words to express everything that I feel and today I hope that you feel recompensed here on earth for such a noble labor of love.

Another of my dreams is to be able to someday express in person all my gratitude, and today I can tell you that I feel capable of doing so. So, I hope to receive news from you and perhaps, some day, we may be able to meet.

For me it is with great pleasure that I tell you that these words that are being sent to you are from Dr. María Cristina, doctor and surgeon, a graduate of the University of San Carlos in Guatemala, a professional who is very grateful to God, very proud of her family, of her country and her people, a professional, who with this title is trying to give back for all the help and support that was given to her.

This is not goodbye, but thank you, and hope to see you soon.

Many and infinite blessings for all your family. The success I have acquired for myself is a great crown for you in heaven. May God bless you always.

With love:

Your goddaughter, María Cristina