

OM SAI RAM

With Pranams at the Lotus Feet of Bhagavan

Please, let me introduce myself. My name is Luis Miguel Cesar. I am from Mexico and live in Mexico City.

I was so fortunate to meet Professor Anil in the year 2005. Of course I knew who he was and enjoyed every time he kindly translated the messages of love from our beloved Swami. On that trip I was so fortunate to be invited to a talk with a Greek group. I am from Mexico and when he saw us there (my friend Jose and me) he asked us, "Now you are Greek? Everybody laughed.

As soon as we returned, we had a beautiful satsang in our Sai Center. Everybody was joyful for all the experiences and little we knew what was going to be next in this journey.

After some time, months, we had a meeting with our Mexico Sai Organization President, Oscar Morado, and got the beautiful news that Professor Anil Kumar was having a Canada, USA, and South America visit! Our country was included, but nothing would have prepared me for what they asked me:

"Luis, you know Professor Kumar, so we want to ask you, would you be interested in hosting him in your house for a week, which is the time that he is going to be in our country?"

I was in shock and my first response was, NO!

In my mind I was thinking there are far more able devotees, more capable and far more experienced than I. I didn't believe my family and I were up to the task. Just imagining all the things in my mind, I was terrified. So I asked them, "Please allow me to answer tomorrow."

As soon as I arrived home, I asked my wife Gloria for her opinion and expressed all my fears, etc. To my surprise, she didn't have to think about it. Immediately she answered, YES! So having no doubt from her answer, the same night I confirmed that we would be more than glad to be part of

this beautiful experience. We also understood that the grace of our beloved Sai was coming with him, but how much grace, little did I know.

Finally, the day came, and we were ready in the morning. But something happened – the water pressure pump for the shower service was not working! I went to the airport to get Professor Anil, and meanwhile my wife was working with the plumber to fix the problem.

When we finally arrived home, my daughter, my son and my wife were ready to give him a welcome in the best possible way. After that I asked my wife “Is it fixed?” And the answer was terrible: “No, it is not working though we changed everything. We did all but nothing changed. I was so sad, and asked for Swami's help. There was no answer for that matter.

In the morning, when Professor Anil was about to take his shower, we had to confess that the water was not working so we will provide him with buckets so he can take his bath in the best way possible.

He smiled and said to us, “Sai Ram!!! That is great news, because that is what I was looking for! That (bucket bath) is the way I always do it at home, so that is perfect for me. We were stunted by his answer! What happened next? Everything started to work perfectly. The water pump was working better than ever! No doubt Swami's will power was ready to show us that he is taking care of all details and wanted him to feel like he was at home.

I was able to spend all day with him acting as his driver, security guard, tourist guide, secretary, and also as his translator. Can you imagine me being the translator of the translator of the Divinity?? No words can express how happy I was.

Being by his side, I was in a constant bliss, experiencing a constant life lesson and intensive teaching every moment. He was always enlightening us with all of our beloved Baba's teachings. The love he showered on us was impressive, absolutely beautiful all the time. He was never sad or nervous, but always surrendered to his duty and the joy of life, always happy. What bliss to remember!

When we were alone, he told us many things about his family. He was always remembering them. With his natural passion, his eyes were full of light, and happy to tell us many things. He liked to listen to Bhajans. He

was always with a smile or making a kind gesture, sharing pure love all the time.

One night after a busy day, at dinner time I asked a question to him, "Professor Anil, why us? Why our family?"

And with a big smile he answered us. "When I knew I was coming on this trip, I asked Baba for his help, for his guidance, and only asked for one thing: as I was going to be away from my family, I wanted to be in a family that helped me not to miss them so much, and what happened? I have a daughter who is more or less the same age as your wife Gloria. She is married and her husband is more or less your age also, They have two beautiful children, one daughter like your Paulina and one son like your Luis Jr. So I feel like your family is like mine. I feel like I do at home."

"And the answer to your question is that I do not know what good you have done in the past, in past lives, and I do not know what I have done also in the past, in my past lives, to deserve this. What I am sure of is that Swami arranges everything for us and it is only his divine plan for it to be like this."

Such an answer brought tears to our eyes immediately.

After one wonderful week, it was time for him to continue his trip to Brazil. Many things happened during that week which will need many, many pages to describe all the experiences and teachings, those moments in time full of love.

We didn't want to let him go. We wanted to continue his journey with him. My daughter and son were hugging him all the time. But we knew we had to let him go. Suddenly I noticed that there were tears in his eyes and in all of ours too. He told me, "I do not have a single doubt that Swami was with us all the time and if he was attending this trip, this is how he would have been treated."

One year later, we were able to return to India and what a beautiful reunion it was! As soon as he saw our children, he embraced them with so much love. He walked proudly with them to the Mandir. Someone asked him, "Anil, who are these children? His response was, "They are my Mexican grandsons from my Mexican family." What an honor!!

He invited us to his house and we had such a wonderful time with him. His beautiful wife and beautiful family -- those times, those memories are like treasures in our hearts forever.

That is how he adopted us as his family, and we welcomed him into ours, It was not surprising but quite natural because it was written that way in our lives.

His departure was so unexpected and painful for us. We are doing our best to recover. We are so thankful to Swami for all the beautiful times, love, and moments that we have in our hearts with him. We know that now he has merged with the Divinity, our beloved Sai, and that now he is pure love.

Our deepest condolences to his family! Our hearts and thoughts are with you. We will always remember him and keep him in our hearts that are full of love for him always!

OM SAI RAM

Luis Miguel, Gloria, Paulina and Luis Jr
Your Mexican Family