

THE CERNA FAMILY

MISSIONARIES IN EL SALVADOR

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Dear praying friends,

As we reflect on what our Lord has done over the past couple of months, we are humbled with gratitude. We are thankful for the open doors in sharing Christ with others, the spiritual growth in church members, and the Lord's blessings upon our own family.

As we've communicated to you earlier, the Lord has placed in our hearts an even greater burden for our neighbors. By God's grace, there have been dozens of opportunities to witness to others over the past two months! About two weeks ago, I had the opportunity to share Christ with my neighbor Francisco. We have been neighbors for years, and he has been in our prayers (for salvation) for a long time. God gave me the wisdom to directly approach him while he was sitting outside his house resting. He listened intently as I shared several Bible verses (with him) pointing him to our Savior.

The Lord also has opened doors to share Christ with others, as our boys are at basketball practice. A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to witness to a young man named Alejandro. He works at the park where our boys practice. As I witnessed to him, I noticed that he was attentive to the message. In the end, he thanked me for sharing God's Word with him. The Lord has given me the opportunity to see him often, as I take Caleb and Joshua to practice. Please pray that the Lord keeps opening the heart of Francisco and Alejandro. Also, please pray for all the others that have heard and will hear God's message of salvation.

We also thank the Lord for the spiritual growth of Rolando Pacheco. He was won to Christ many years ago and is a graduate of our Bible institute. The Lord has given him the strength to assume the leadership of our church services while we're gone to the States. Please pray that the Lord would give him wisdom as our family goes to the States for Rosa's graduation, and as we drop her off to college. Also, please pray for Rolando's son Edwin who still has not received Christ as his Savior.

We are happy to tell you that Rosa has completed her senior year of high school. It is hard to believe we are already at this point. We have heard the expression, "The days are slow, but the years are fast" and now we can relate to it. Her graduation day and beginning of college days are fast approaching. Please pray for our family as we prepare for the adjustment of having a child in the States. The boys are finishing their school year (eighth grade and sixth grade) also. Please pray for us as we seek God's wisdom for homeschooling in the next school year. We thank you for praying for our ministry and our family. Your prayers are invaluable to us and we cannot thank you enough.

In Christ,

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