THE CERNA FAMILY

MISSIONARIES IN EL SALVADOR

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Dear praying friends,

It is with much gratitude and excitement that we give you an update of what the Lord has been doing through and for us here over the past couple of months. We are in the final stages of editing our new book, God continues to open doors for us to witness and minister to others, and there is much excitement about our kids and their future.

In our last prayer letter, we wrote to you about the book that I am currently working on. The title of the book is, "Many Devices; One Counsel." The title is based on Proverbs 19:21 which says, "There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand." By God's grace, we are just about ready to publish it. The book tells the story of my experience with massive Bible memorization, and how God allowed me to discover a method that will empower the average person to memorize much more Scripture than previously thought possible. We trust that the book will also be used as discipleship material, to strengthen the local church. We know that the greatest need that humanity has is the Word of God. As a missionary I realize that whatever can help us in the absorption, meditation and retention of Scripture can potentially open more doors to see the Lord's hand at work. If God permits, the book will be published sometime in the second half of next month.

This past October, we celebrated our 18th anniversary of our first church service in our city of Santa Ana. We would love to have the opportunity to continue to minister in this city for decades to come. Although the visible results over the past 18 years have been sparse, we believe God can and will open a door of evangelism here. I believe, even more than ever, that God will use us to establish several churches in this city. He is certainly capable of "turning a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water" (Psalm 107:35).

Despite the disappointments, and the fact that we minister in a spiritual desert, we are not discouraged. God continues to open doors for us to witness to people. For example, over the past two months I have had the opportunity of witnessing to dozens of souls during my trips to the market. Generally, people are indifferent to God's Word, but I can envision His Holy Spirit breaking through those hearts in a powerful way. Also, the Lord is using our boys to impact their neighborhood friends. Just recently, one of Caleb's neighbor friends came to one of our services along with his brother. Please pray that souls would be touched with the Gospel, and that God would continue to use us however He wants.

The day after the church anniversary was Caleb's birthday. We had a wonderful time celebrating Caleb's 18th birthday, realizing that this was our last time to celebrate his birthday together in El Salvador. Earlier in the month, he took his SAT in San Salvador in preparation for college next August. Please pray for Rosa as she finishes her last year of college, for Caleb as he heads to college next year, and for Joshua who continues high school. Yours in Christ,

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