

THE CERNA FAMILY

MISSIONARIES IN EL SALVADOR

June 2017

Dear praying friends:

Just over the last couple of months, we have experienced a great many blessings from God. He has given us growth both in the amount of members of the church, as in the maturity level of our core members. The doors are definitely being opened for us to serve Him in even greater ways.

Please pray for Raul (71) and Isabel (60). This married couple is being discipled on Wednesday mornings. Raul's background includes having been a drunkard for many years, and Isabel was a devout Catholic before receiving Christ as her Savior. They are very excited about learning more of God's Word and eventually serving at the church.

It is also a great blessing to see how God is working with our teen group. Miguel has been coming (with his mother and three brothers) to church for about six years now. This is the family where the father was shot and killed about seven years ago. Miguel has been studying the discipleship lessons with me on Saturdays. Even though his two older brothers aren't faithful, we have decided to invest in his life. His mom is very impressed with the amount of Bible verses he has memorized lately. Please pray that God's Word would grab ahold of his life and that he would have a passion to do God's Will.

Carlos is another teenager who is basically growing up without a father. He has been faithfully coming to church since we began the teen Sunday school class. His sister and brother-in-law have been faithful members of the church for years and are now taking him under their wing, helping him grow in God's Word. I get even more excited when I see those that we've discipled, doing the same things for others. By God's grace, this is becoming more common at our church.

Our daughter Rosa has also been a part of the teen class since it began in January. We are thankful with the way God has been working in her heart. Not only has she been faithfully serving the Lord in the church nursery, but she also has been acquiring a greater burden for others. Over the past several months, Rosa has been taking piano classes from a young lady (Marielos) who has been a member of the Mormon cult. A little while ago, Rosa added her to her prayer list. We are thankful to say that Marielos has stopped going to the cult and is now going to a Christian church. Please pray for Marielos that she would receive Christ as her Savior.

Caleb and Joshua are also doing well. Joshua has learned to read very well in Spanish. We are still working on reading in English, which is a little trickier. Caleb continues to do well in his classes also. As always, we ask for you to pray for us as we raise our three children. As all of you that are parents know, it can be quite a challenge at times. Thank you for praying.

Yours in Christ,
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