

THE CERNA FAMILY

MISSIONARIES IN EL SALVADOR

October 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

Rainy season is ending here in El Salvador, and the weather has slightly cooled. We look forward to this time of year because we celebrate the church's anniversary. Last week we celebrated the church's 8-year-anniversary with 65 in attendance. It was a special day of thanking God for giving us eight years in the city of Santa Ana. It was quite moving to look over the congregation and reminisce about each member's story. We are thankful for the souls that have been saved and the lives that God has changed in eight years time, and we are more excited than ever to see what God has in store for the years to come.

In our June prayer letter, we asked that you pray that Mirna would get baptized. We are happy to share that she did get baptized earlier this month. This was miraculous because she is very shy and did not want any attention on herself. She told Christine, "I know I need to be obedient, so I am going to get baptized." After her baptism, Christine was talking to her 12-year-old daughter as they waited for Mirna to change. Her name is Iris, and she is not saved. Christine witnessed to her, but she was not ready to get saved. Pray that she will see her need for salvation and accept Jesus in the near future. The week after she was baptized, Mirna was robbed as she was walking home from church. Her daughter Iris was with her, and as you can imagine, they are quite shook up. Please pray for peace in Mirna's life that she will not let fear to overcome her. Also please pray that God would use this situation to bring Iris to salvation.

Another church member named Jenny has recently corrected some issues in her life and is on fire for the Lord. She invited us to her house to witness to two of her neighbors who were lost. It was a beautiful moment when they each recognized their need for the Savior and bowed their heads to pray for their salvation. Please pray for Julia, who has some serious health issues, and her husband, Antonio, who cares for her. There is no doubt in our hearts that there are many more people, like Julia and Antonio, who are just waiting to hear and receive the good news of the Gospel. Please pray that the Lord would continue to work in our hearts, making us more sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading in witnessing to others.

In El Salvador, the school year ends in October. Our kids are busily preparing for their final exams. Well, they are preparing for all of their exams except for the one in speaking English. They do just fine in that subject! We are happy to have another school year almost complete. This was Joshua's first year in school and we are happy with his abilities in speaking Spanish after only one year. While for the most part they have adapted well, there are still bumps along the way with cultural differences and struggles with speaking two languages. Please continue to pray for our little ones, growing up as third-culture kids.

We are thankful for you and how you help to keep us here on the mission field. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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