

THE CERNAS NEWSLETTER



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Dear praying friends:

It is with a grateful heart to God that we write this letter. At the same time we thank you, never taking for granted your faithful prayers and support for us. The last couple of months are full of examples of God's distinct work in our lives and ministry.

It has been four months since we moved our church to a new location. We are very thankful for this time of transition, as it has given us an opportunity to pray and reflect on the direction that the Lord is leading us in. Although, humanly speaking, we are preparing by saving money and working hard, we have come to realize that what limits us is not money (or anything physical), but faith in God. We are trying to teach the church members that God can take what we have saved, like the five loaves and two fishes in John 6, and do something amazing with it. As a result of this, we are praying that we can buy the house that we had been renting for six years. Once the house has been bought, it can be remodeled into a sanctuary that can comfortably fit 200 people. So basically we are asking you to pray that our church would grow in faith, and that God would do something that is well beyond our capabilities.

In previous letters, we have written about how God has been working in José Escobar and his family. We are thankful to say that he has agreed to be the church treasurer. This is very important, because the church will not have to depend on us (Christine has been treasurer for quite a while now) for this. With God's wisdom, we are now closer to having an autonomous church. Since José has dedicated his life to the Lord, and is a civil engineer, he has said that God is leading him to be like Nehemiah, overseeing the building at our church. It is exciting to see how the Lord puts things in place, according to His will!

The Ladies Ministry has been growing. Recently, we had our highest attendance at the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study. We recently had a new lady come to the study. Her name is Evelyn, and her husband, who is unsaved, is Carlos. Christine and Evelyn have had opportunities to build a friendship through sharing motherhood stories. Evelyn and Carlos have two small children. Last week, at Ladies Bible Study, Evelyn told Christine, "I know I need to be here, this is important. It is hard bringing the children, but it is worth it." Pray for her spiritual growth. Also, please pray that the Holy Spirit would bring conviction to Carlos to be saved.

Our children have had a difficult month health wise. Living in a third world country means stomach problems. We are so thankful that this is the extent of the illness we experience, and are happy to report that they are all much better now. Please pray for us to remember to exercise caution. It is easy to forget to be careful, when this is home! Pray we make good decisions to eliminate opportunities for illness. As always, we thank you for your faithful support. Please keep the prayers coming!

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