

THE CERNAS NEWSLETTER



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Dear praying friends:

With a grateful heart we communicate many of the blessings received over the past two months. The Lord has been diligently at work with us as we try to spread the Gospel in different parts of Santa Ana. By God's grace, the Bible Institute continues to function as normal. We are also thankful for God's work in our family and many of our church members.

The Lord has been good to us, allowing Gustavo Bonilla to be a member of the church since the beginning. Gustavo is 76 years old, and someone that makes you ask: "Could God use such a person?" In addition to his age, he is somewhat difficult to understand, even for a native Spanish speaker. By nature, he is very shy and nervous. However, in God's power, he has overcome his deficiencies to be an effective communicator of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Several weeks ago, Gustavo and another man from our church led a young lady (Raquel) to the Lord. It was the first time Gustavo's partner had witnessed to someone. It is such a blessing to see how Gustavo's boldness is impacting other church members.

Please pray for our evangelistic efforts. As a church, we go out door-knocking once per week. In addition to this, some of the church members witness to many people, on their own, regularly. It is our great desire that God would open doors and, as we follow up these professions of faith, that many would be stimulated to be disciplined and grow.

The Lord has answered your prayers concerning the Bible Institute. The purpose of this Institute has always been to train men to serve according to God's will for their lives. Even though we are having classes in our home, there are four men currently enrolled. Two of these men (José Escobar and Rolando Pacheco) are scheduled to graduate around the middle of next year. Please pray that God would continue to call Salvadoran men to the ministry, and that He would use us to train them, ultimately establishing many other churches in this country.

The ladies have started their second study of the year. While the first study focused on Christine teaching, the second study is more geared towards the ladies sharing what they have studied during the week. This is encouraging to Christine, to see the ladies placing importance on daily Bible study. They do not only come to sit and listen, but actively participate. We have had our highest attendance this year, with ten ladies attending. Please continue to pray for Christine as she guides and directs the conversation during these interactive studies.

Please pray for our children as they enter exam week. The third school period is ending, and they are getting ready to start the fourth and final period of the school year. School has been a bit difficult for Joshua (7 years old) lately. He has been complaining of headaches and has had some problems completing his school work. We have solved the mystery: he needs glasses! We are praying that things will improve for him once he can see more clearly. Please continue to pray for us as we strive to raise our children properly. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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