

THE CERNAS NEWSLETTER



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Dear praying friends,

As we close out this year, we cannot help but be thankful for all of God's blessings to us. It has been a busy year as usual, and we are excited to think about how God will work in El Salvador next year.

In November, I was invited by a Salvadoran pastor (Fabricio Bonilla) to preach an anniversary conference (four days) at his church. It was a great time of fellowship, as I had the privilege of preaching the book of Philippians. There were quite a few visitors in attendance, who had the opportunity to hear the Gospel. We also got together with several other Salvadoran pastors for breakfast. I was able to share a devotional with them, from the book of John, about trusting in God to meet our needs for building projects.

Bro. Fabricio also invited me to go with him to Honduras next year to minister to Honduran pastors. He is planning a 3-day conference where we can teach hermeneutics to this group of pastors. Please pray that the Lord would supply all that is needed for this conference, and that we could be a blessing to these laborers. The Lord has been so gracious to us in allowing to minister in a region (El Salvador, Honduras) with a rich history of other missionaries (mainly from the U.S.) who have brought forth much fruit to the glory of God. There is a solid network of independent baptist churches already in place. I greatly enjoy having fellowship with these precious laborers, and have learned many things from them. Although we pray that we can establish many other churches within the country, we also want to work alongside the already established churches to send and support missionaries to other countries. By God's grace, our church in Santa Ana already supports four salvadoran missionary families.

Of course, there was a time in our church where I could not leave for the weekend to minister to another church. I am thankful for Mauricio (the other pastor of our church) and his wife Dora. It is a blessing to know that we can leave for a while, and the church will not skip a beat. Please pray for Mauricio and Dora, as they are expecting their fifth child in June.

The Lord has been faithful to us as we took His Word to the surrounding neighborhoods of the church. This year, all the doors of the surrounding neighborhoods were knocked on three times, and we were able to witness to hundreds of souls. Please pray that we can continue to be diligent in evangelism, and that we are able to see more fruit that remains.

Our children finished their school year the beginning of November. They are very happy to be on the equivalent of summer break. They have vacation until mid January. All three of our kids ended their school year well, and they each were on the Honor Roll. We are grateful for another year finished well. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

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