

THE CERNAS NEWSLETTER



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Dear praying friends:

It is with great joy that we share with you the blessings of the last couple of months. God continues to give us opportunities with regards to evangelism, He has opened doors for us to teach about missions to a wide variety of people, and He keeps His hand of mercy on our family even in the midst of serious illness.

By God's grace, your prayers are being answered with regard to us sharing the Gospel with others. I try to share Christ with others wherever I go. The Lord allows me to witness to an average of about 13 souls every week, as I'm at the grocery store, bank, paying bills, etc. Of course, this does not include those times we go door-knocking, or park evangelizing, as a church. Not too long ago, I met a young man named Geovany. I had the privilege of witnessing to him. He showed so much interest in the Gospel, that he gave me his phone number, and then asked me for mine. Please pray for this young man who has shown an interest in spiritual things. Also, please pray for us to continue to have the boldness of sharing Christ anywhere, and to have the wisdom to lead souls to Christ, ministering to them according to their need.

Just this past week, I had the privilege of participating in something very special. Tabernáculo Bautista de San Miguel (the church we were members of from 2006-2008) had a missions training conference, along the lines of Camp BIMi in Chattanooga, TN. There were more than 90 students in attendance. Some were pastors, missionaries, young and older members of churches. Not only were there students from the church in San Miguel, but there were many from Honduras, Nicaragua, and even from Guatemala. I had the blessing of working with, and translating for Gerry Baughman (a veteran missionary who founded Camp BIMi). The conference lasted about four days, and much was taught from the Bible with regards to missions. Also, God gave me the opportunity to teach two sessions to these students.

Please pray for the fruit of this conference. The Lord has done so much in this region, with the Gospel, over the past 100 years. However, there is still much to be done. I believe that we have not scratched the surface of what God wants to do here. There is so much potential, not only to establish more churches in the region, but to train and send missionaries throughout the world.

About two weeks before I was scheduled to go to the conference, I contracted Dengue Fever. I have never been as sick I was for nine days. It was a taxing time for my family and our church, and myself. I am grateful that God pulled me through this illness. God gave me a week of rest before I was to teach and preach in San Miguel. After my illness, all three of our kids struggled with different illnesses that were less serious, but did cause them to miss school. Thankfully, at the time of writing this letter, we are all in good health. There is nothing that makes a person grateful for their health like losing that health for a time. We are thanking God that we can continue to serve after a rough start to the new year.

Thank you for your prayers for our family. As you can see, they have helped pull us through illnesses, and a very busy time of ministry right after illness. Thank you for remembering to pray for us and for the church.

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