

# THE CERNA FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES IN EL SALVADOR

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Dear praying friends,

It is with great joy that we communicate to you some of the things our Lord has done through the Pandemic. We have had greater freedom to share Christ with others, minister to other believers, and take care of our own children.

The Lord continues to open doors when it comes to evangelism. I have been keeping a goal of witnessing to an average of two souls per day, during the year. Even though I haven't seen any professions of faith yet, people (for the most part) listen to the message. We are grateful that the Lord allows us to do our part in the Great Commission. Two other members of the church, seeing that I've been witnessing to others, have asked me for tracts. They go out on their own to witness for Christ. In fact, one of these brothers has been able to witness to the mayor of the city he works for! Please pray, even if there aren't many visible results, that we would not give up and take satisfaction in knowing that we are doing what pleases the Lord.

In our last letter, we asked you to pray for Miguel Zaldana (17 years old). He has been coming to our church for many years, and we are finally seeing in him a desire to grow in the Lord. I have been meeting with him once a week to try to mentor and guide him. He is in his final year of high school, and he has no solid idea as to what he is going to do in the future. His mother says that Miguel has been a great source of encouragement for her lately. From previous experiences, we know that it is a difficult thing to mentor 17-year-olds, as they can easily be influenced by the world. Please pray that God's Word would take great root in his life and that His will be accomplished in Miguel.

Later this month, we will be going to San Miguel to visit Tabernaculo Bautista (the church we had the privilege of serving in from 2006-2008). They are celebrating their 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and their pastor invited me to preach. This is the first time that we will be able to go since the Pandemic started. Please pray that we have a safe trip and that we can be a blessing to this precious church. As a result of Missionary Bob Green starting this church back in 1973, dozens of churches have been established in San Miguel and the eastern part of El Salvador. Our prayer has always been that the Lord establishes churches in a similar way here in western El Salvador.

We thank you for your continued prayers for our family. As normal life has changed for most of you, it has also changed for our children. School is completely online, and all sports are still on hold. It has been a challenge to find ways for our children to be well rounded with the regulations a Pandemic brings. The advantage to this problem is we have become even more involved in every aspect of our kids' lives. While there are obvious challenges, we continue to become closer to them. Please pray that we can help our children continue to adapt to a new way of life.

Yours in Christ,  
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