

# THE CERNAS NEWSLETTER



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Dear praying friends,

It is with great joy that we can share with you how the Lord has manifested Himself in our lives. Over the past couple of months we have seen the Lord open doors to witness to people, touch the hearts of believers to grow spiritually, and provide for our needs.

Since January, I have been taking our boys (Joshua and Caleb) to basketball practice. We usually go to the park Monday and Friday from 7pm-9pm. I have noticed that many of the parents that take their kids to practice are from the upper middle-class. For several months, my prayer has been for the Lord to use me to make friends with people that normally would not give a Christian the time of day. Thankfully, God has been answering prayers, and I've had the chance to share the Gospel with several parents. Please pray that the Lord would open the hearts of Fernando, Manuel, and Armando. Please also pray that the Lord would continue to give me wisdom, love and boldness in my witness of Christ to people.

The Lord has also allowed me to visit a childhood friend named Martin. He has been struggling with diabetes to such a point that he is recovering from two amputated toes. I have been visiting him the last couple of weeks, praying to not only be an encouragement to him, but also share Christ with him. When people have been so immersed in Catholicism, many times they know what to say when asked questions about the Bible and salvation. It is very difficult to witness to people like this, but obviously not impossible. Please pray that as I visit him, that he wouldn't look at me as a Baptist preacher (but as someone who believes the Word of God), that God's Word would be exalted, and that Martin and his family would come to know Christ as Savior.

In our last letter, we asked for you to pray for Miguel and Jose. By God's grace, Miguel continues to meet with me every week. We are currently studying the book of Hebrews, and are focused on growing spiritually. As far as Jose is concerned, God has given him a new job that has him away during the work week. When he comes to church on Sunday, he tells me how burdened he is for the town he is working in, and how the Lord has opened doors for him to witness for Christ. In fact, a couple of weeks ago, God used Jose to convict me of my need to be more dependent on God in my witness for Christ. This is a great reason why we have seen open doors at basketball practice! It is such a blessing when God allows us to learn great lessons, especially from our own converts. Praise God!

As I'm writing this letter, we are getting ready to visit the States. The last week of April, Christine and I will attend our BIMi field conference in Alabama. It will be a time of encouragement, as we meet with our fellow BIMi missionaries from Latin America. During the first week of May, we are planning to take our daughter Rosa to visit a Christian college, that she has been considering. We can't believe that next year, if the Lord permits, we will be dropping her off to college. Please pray for traveling mercies. We are always humbled by how the Lord always supplies our needs. This trip has been no exception. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. Your missionaries in Christ,

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