

# THE CERNAS NEWSLETTER



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Dear praying friends,

It is always with great thankfulness that we inform you of the things the Lord has done in El Salvador over the course of a couple of months. We are happy to say that we just celebrated 13 years as a church in the city of Santa Ana, the Lord has given us more opportunities to support Salvadoran missionaries in other countries, the doors continue to open in witnessing to the lost, and our family is moving forward in our first full year of homeschooling the children.

About two weeks ago, Iglesia Bautista Central de Santa Ana celebrated its 13th anniversary. A pastor friend of ours, Adrian Sandoval, came to preach the service for us. He was encouraged to see that the church continues marching forward, in spite of obstacles. The situation, with the Pandemic, has considerably worsened in the country. Because of this, some have decided to not attend church services until things improve. Obviously, this hasn't just affected our church, but many churches throughout the country. Please pray that the Lord would give us wisdom. We don't want to put anyone at risk, but we don't want to stop having services either.

The Lord has given us the privilege to support quite a few missionaries from El Salvador to other countries. Over the past couple of months, we have been praying for Marvin and Montserrat Ochoa, missionaries to Spain. They are being sent from an independent Baptist church in San Salvador. It has been very difficult for them lately, as they have patiently waited to get permission to enter Spain. By God's grace, they will be going to Spain in early December. Our church has decided to support them regularly. Please pray that we would continue to have a vision for missions, and that the Lord someday would raise up missionaries from our church.

Over the past few months, the Lord has been convicting my heart about more wisdom and dependence on Him for evangelism. We realize the importance of being more spontaneous, and conscious of the lost souls around us. From John 15:16, we realize that we are where we are because the Lord has placed us there. Obviously, there will always be a need to go out looking to reach souls. However, we also realize that (if we pray for it) God will bring souls in our path. This way of evangelism is nothing new to us, but we realize that there is so much room for improvement. Please pray that we would have a greater boldness (and love) to witness to people, as the God-given opportunities arise.

We are thankful for the good health that our family has enjoyed for a number of years. Many of you will remember that Christine struggled greatly with asthma, in the past. She has not had any lung problems for over three years. We cannot explain this, except for God's mercy in our lives. We continue to homeschool our three children. This endeavor certainly has its challenges, but we see the benefits outweigh the disadvantages. Thank you for praying for us!

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