

# THE CERNAS NEWSLETTER



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Dear praying friends,

It is always a blessing to inform you a little of what the Lord has done here in El Salvador over the past couple of months. The Lord has opened doors as we: share Christ with others, minister to believers that are out of God's will, finish the first rough draft of the Luis Castro biography, and take care of our children.

Even after two decades of serving Him, God continues to give us the strength and zeal to share Christ with others. We continue to regularly knock on the doors of the surrounding neighborhoods to our house. I have noticed that for every hour we go, God allows us to witness to an average of eight people. We are thankful that people listen, but it is not common for them to respond to Christ's call for salvation. It seems that the professing evangelical church has fallen into complacency here in El Salvador. Also, the cults and Catholicism have a foothold on the hearts and minds of people. Nonetheless, we are not discouraged! We have an Almighty God! Please pray that God would continue to give us the boldness and the compassion to share God's Word with people.

In previous letters we have asked you to pray for specific people. I met David at my sons' basketball practice. He is a professed believer who has become discouraged because of the problems he had in a church he attended. God has allowed me to become friends with him. He asks me questions about the Bible and has expressed an interest in coming to one of our services. Please pray that he would rededicate his life to Christ. Also, please pray that Natasha Escobar would give her life to Christ. She started coming to our church as a toddler, but now (as a 17-year-old) has been out of church for years. Just this past month Natasha has reached out to my wife, thanking us for our influence on her life.

By God's grace, the first rough draft of the biography I am writing is almost finished. However, we still have plenty of work to do. Before it gets printed, we need to edit it and then translate it into Spanish. We are praying that, before the end of the year, we can have many copies of the book in Spanish and in English. The Lord has already provided the funding for this. Please pray for wisdom as we strive to get this special project completed.

We have good news to share about our daughter who is in college. She has been working tirelessly, not only at her job, but also in her classes and in searching for scholarships. Last week, we learned that she won a private scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.00. This will be a great help for the upcoming school year, since costs have increased. We are thankful that any time she has a need, God supplies. We see this as a pattern in her life and we are grateful that she has learned to trust in God, as she works hard. Caleb is beginning to think about college and consider his future. We are thankful that Rosa has been a good example to him. Please pray as he considers options for the summer and college in two years. We are thankful we still have four more years with Joshua. Please pray for us as we are at a stage of life where our kids are beginning to think about their futures. Yours in Christ,

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