THE CERNA FAMILY

MISSIONARIES IN EL SALVADOR

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Dear praying friends,

The Lord has greatly allowed us to enjoy His blessings over the past couple of months. We have seen Him work powerfully in our lives and ministry. As always, it is with much eagerness that we can inform you of these blessings.

A couple of weeks ago, we were invited to participate in an evangelistic activity for a fellow Baptist church in the nearby city of Santa Tecla. Caleb and I, along with 40 members of Tabernaculo Bautista of San Miguel, worked alongside members of this Santa Tecla church. We spent a good portion of the morning walking through the nearby neighborhoods, handing out tracts, and witnessing to some of the people that we encountered. It was a blessed time of fellowship and ministry. I was expecting to go alone, but Caleb asked me if he could come. It is always an infinite blessing to be able to do ministry with my children, especially when they enthusiastically volunteer for it.

It looks like we will continue to work with these churches at least over the next several months. If the Lord permits, in May there will be groups coming from San Miguel to evangelize the streets of our city with us. Please pray for open doors and for the eyes of the blind to be opened. It would not surprise me if our city and country were amongst the most outwardly religious in all the world. Although people listen to us, it is very rare for them to respond to God's Word. Despite all the seemingly impossible obstacles, we are thankful that the Lord has not allowed us to give up. In fact, I feel that our desire to witness to the lost keeps growing!

By God's grace, we are seeing results with evangelism here in Santa Ana. This past Sunday, Caleb brought to church one of his neighbor friends named Mario (19). I had the privilege of witnessing to Mario a couple of months ago. We have been praying for Mario and his family for quite a while. It is always such a blessing to see God answering our prayers. He is placing in our boys a greater burden for their friends. Please pray that Mario, his dad and siblings would all receive Christ.

We have told you a lot about Caleb today, so now we will share a little about Rosa and Joshua. Please pray for Rosa; she is finishing her junior year at Bible college. She recently learned that she could potentially work in a ministry while she also completes an internship for her degree. Joshua will be with us in El Salvador for the summer. He is burdened to continue what Caleb has started in our ministry. Please pray for Joshua as he continues to minister to neighborhood friends, specifically during the summer months. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Yours in Christ,

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