

THE CERNA FAMILY

MISSIONARIES IN EL SALVADOR

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Dear praying friends,

There is always a sense of excitement as the Lord permits us to minister during a new year. As you already know, each new year presents its own set of circumstances and challenges. The constant is that the Lord continues to open doors regardless. We have been able to witness for Christ to dozens of people already, the book that I'm writing is progressing nicely, and our children are growing in the Lord.

By God's grace we were able to knock on all the doors of our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods last year. This year will mark the third straight year that we have done this. Since we know that the Gospel "*is the power of God unto salvation*," we always expect God to work in people's hearts even if they don't know who we are. Although this method may seem impersonal and ineffective to some, God has brought forth results this way. Of course, the method stops being impersonal, the more we knock on the same doors and neighborhoods. Please pray that we would boldly continue to witness to people at their doors and that the Holy Spirit of God would bring conviction to their hearts. We also want to continue to be sensitive in being used of God to reach people via other methods.

As you know by now, the Lord has placed it in my heart to write a biography of a Salvadoran missionary to Mexico. Thankfully, I was able to complete my last interview in January. At the same time, I started writing the book in November of last year. Right now, the book is almost 50% written. I'm writing it in English but will translate it to Spanish once it is complete. Please pray that the Lord will allow me to finish everything related to the book before the end of the year. It is a great burden of mine to show the Latinos that they can be greatly used of God when they surrender to him.

It is always a blessing to see how the Lord provides for us. He sustains us through expected means, but also through unexpected means. There have been many instances where we've foreseen a great need and trusted in God to provide in an unexpected way. We have always tried to live by Matthew 6:33, "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*" It gives us a great thrill when others (especially our children) start trying to live this way as well. We thank God that Rosa is almost finished with her second year of college. She has decided to trust God to help her get through her college payments. Somehow, miraculously, she always has what she needs. From scholarships to surprise money added to her account by family members to unexplained payments, she has seen God working to provide for her schooling in amazing ways. We are thankful for the way God provides for her and for us. Please pray that our kids will continue to trust God for their daily provision as they grow more independent.

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