

THE GONZALEZ FAMILY

Missionaries to El Salvador



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Dear Friends,

We have been home from our two-month furlough for three weeks, and it has been a whirlwind of activity in the ministry. As soon as we hit the ground, we went into the plans that had previously been made for our Sunday school program. The church maintained the attendance while we were gone. All soul-winning activities produced great results. People were baptized, and a new family had joined the church while we were in the United States.

We are blessed to have a great team of coworkers who have been reached through the church in the last fifteen years of ministry. Several years ago, our pastor, Dr. Jack Schaap, challenged us to build our own team from our own church here in El Salvador to aid in obeying the Great Commission. Through God's grace, this has been accomplished. Like any team, members come and go. Some are promoted to other teams, some quit playing, while others stay in it for a lifetime. God has been gracious to us in allowing us to work with a great team of Christians. These Christians are here because of the vision for worldwide missions you have had and the part you have actively taken in supporting and praying for us. "Thank you" just does not seem to be enough at this time.

The two-month furlough was a time of reporting mostly to churches that have been supporting us for over fifteen years. We had not visited many of them since the one time on deputation. What a blessing it was to see many of the same faithful members still serving the Lord. Several of the churches have grown in number and have been blessed with beautiful buildings as instruments for reaching their community. Sadly, a few of the churches we visited are struggling in one way or another. It is interesting to see that the Lord's work is the same here as it is in the States, with a noted difference in the culture and language. The same struggles we face here, the same battles we fight here, and the same victories we experience here are those most of you experience at "home." This trip served as a reminder that we as missionaries need to pray for our supporters holding the lifeline for us back home.

We ask that you pray as we start a new outreach ministry in our church this month. It is a soul-winning ministry that is going to focus on winning souls, actively training new converts, and seeing the Great Commission fulfilled in its entirety. This is in addition to the other four soul-winning programs in which over forty people participate each week. We look forward to great results of more souls saved and families reached for Christ.

We ask that you continue to pray for the three churches that were started in the last three years. All three pastors have been forced to take on a secular job to help them take care of their families and personal needs. This puts a limit on the amount of time spent in ministering to the church needs. They continue to diligently work but at a slower pace than when the works were started.

One final request is that you pray for our upcoming ladies' conference. It will be held on August 3 and 4 of this year. Please pray that it will be a blessing to many ladies from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We pray for you.

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