

The Castillo's Prayer Update



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Blessings, Our Beloved Partners in the Ministry!

The last couple of months have been very busy for us. As soon as we got back from furlough, I started teaching four days a week (one hour a day) for three months. Most of the class lessons were printed out except for the last 3 chapters of Hebrews. I had to redo about 80 pages because the document was lost in my computer.

In July, we were privileged to have the Burge family with us. Pastor Ken taught a conference on "Preaching", Mrs. Kim got involved with the Children and also taught the Ladies, Kenny preached for the Youth and Josh, Kenny and Dan helped in the Children's Ministry. It was a privilege for us to have them with us. Right after their departure, I traveled to El Carreto (the southern part of Honduras close to the border of El Salvador) to teach "Survey of the New Testament". Since this class had already been taught, I only had 12 students, but I praise God for that time because great things took place. The day after the Burges left, I noticed I had no problem reading without glasses. I still had double vision while traveling but not reading or writing. I went to El Carreto and on the last day of class a great burning sensation came that made about 95% of my double vision go away. I still get the burning sensation; however, I am able to read, write and drive well. PTL!

I will be teaching a course at the local Bible Institute on the Book of Ephesians. Please pray for me. The Seminary had told me I would not be teaching until the beginning of next year but now they have asked me to teach it starting at the end of this month until the beginning of November. Please pray as I study to teach the class.

Carmen and I have received the wonderful privilege of being part of the Regional Volunteer Team for Operation Christmas Child of *Samaritan's Purse*. I am the General Coordinator and Carmen is Coordinator of Discipleship for our Department de Comayagua (State of Comayagua). We plan to reach out to all the cities and villages in the state in seven years, hoping to reach as many children as possible. This year we will try to motivate churches in Siguatepeque, Taulabe and San Jose de

Comayagua to participate. We hope to not only grant children a gift when they have never received one in their lives, but also that they will enjoy the non-perishable gift of Jesus Christ. Pray for us because motivating churches to participate is not easy, especially since this is the first time that *Samaritan's Purse* will be working in our part of the country.

I have also been asked to be part of the National Board for a ministry called Providence. Their primary ministry has to do with orphanages. Our dear friend who has worked full-time for this ministry as the architect in charge of all the constructions asked me to do this because he knows us as a family and also knows of our desire to start an orphanage in our church. This would give us the opportunity to see how everything works, especially the legal matters to duplicate in the future. Please pray for us as we look into this ministry possibility in greater detail.

As for our family, **Carmen** is heavily involved with the Children's Ministry and is now attending a Women's Bible Study. **Andrew** and **David** are excited about returning to school. **Ethan** is also excited for this will be his first year to attend Pre-Kindergarten. We had the privilege of celebrating David's 5th birthday on July 20. Thank God for each one of our children!

Prayer Requests: 1) Continue to pray for my father-in-law, Jorge Espinal. He finished his chemotherapy; however, it did not do everything that was expected. He now has to go for more chemotherapy. His desire is to go back into ministry and, although he knows the seriousness of the disease, he is placing His trust in Him. He is now attending church and is encouraged to begin working somehow in the ministry. 2) Continue to pray for our support. We hope it will continue to increase to meet our individual needs, as well as ministry needs. We thank you in advance for your prayers on our behalf.

For Him,

Andy, Carmen, Andrew, David and Ethan

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