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**The Theatre
in Santa Ana**



Working with the People of Santa Ana

Prayer Requests

- **Pray for Jon as he prepares for a new year in the Mobile Bible Institute**
- **Pray for us as we travel to Michigan in December**
- **Pray for the kids as they start school in January (after being homeschooled a year and a half)**
- **Pray for the Sunday school teachers as we start a new year**



What are we doing in El Salvador?

Yesterday, someone asked me what we do. "As missionaries, what are you doing in El Salvador?" That was a great question and I thought to myself, "*What is it that we really do?*" Well, Jon is the Director of our Mobile Bible Institute. That means he organizes the classes that will be taught, who will teach them, what books will be used. Also, he is open to pastors that may become interested in having a Mobile Bible Institute in their church. This year, he has developed some of the classes that have been given, so while he teaches he is writing out the outline for the student and developing the materials for the teachers. It has been an intense year for him. We currently have one Institute in Santa Ana and one in San Salvador, each unique to the church they belong to. Also, Jon leads the Young Marrieds Group (like a Bible Study) and the seriously Dating Couples (two of which are getting married this month). I am the Sunday School Director. Mostly, I make sure we are teaching the kids with our lives as well as with our words and I make sure everything runs smoothly. In the past, I have even asked myself, "Why am I here in El Salvador or, more specifically, in Santa Ana? Why can't we do this in the States?" And I realized something. We can do this in the States and many people do. The reason why we don't do it in the States, the reason why we are here and you are there is simple. God called us to be here and God has called you to be there. What we do everyday is whatever God asks us to do this day. We serve Him. You do the same; you serve God in work, in church, at home. We are called to serve God, to live every day for Him. In this everyday living, we grow in Him. God uses circumstances in our daily life to reveal to us what is in our hearts so we may repent and humble ourselves before Him and realize that we need Him!

Faith and Hope. Today, many people take faith and hope to be nothing more than wishful thinking that willfully ignores reality. Unfortunately, this accusation of those "on the outside" has been formed by their observation of those of us "on the inside." We have not given accurate witness to the trust and assurance that is ours in the reality of the Life of Jesus Christ in His people. In the coming days of conflicting forces, economic and political uncertainty vs. the joy of the Christmas season, may God grant to your family and ours true faith and hope which comes only by His Holy Spirit in the Name of Jesus Christ.

United in one Faith and one Hope,

Jon + Kelly