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News from the Tyas family
Serving in WA among the Hispanic community

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From the Notes of Ed and Gerry...



There is much to be thankful for at this time of year. Much has changed as we look around but we are living life day to day and we look purposely for opportunities. If anything the need has increased but we need to think of other methods. Much has happened to isolate us but we must look for ways to connect. Our ministry among the Spanish community has always been a fluid ministry because of constant moving of families. In spite of this we have maintained contact with a number of families. This takes a huge amount of emotional energy but this is God's work and so we need to wait on Him. He has shown us great power and encouragement in prayer. Every day that we would pray specifically "Lord, open our eyes to the opportunities around us"... He would specifically lead someone to us.

Our methods were for connection and developing friendships.

This summer our thought was.....

small groups instead of big....

so... the whole summer was one of visiting families.

These are some we visited...



The Hernandez family:

We have maintained connection with this family for many years. We mentioned this family in our last letter. Hortencia is the mom in this family. Over the years we have had Bible Clubs in their home and a number of children from this home have gone to camp with us during the summers. This summer Juventina came to live with the family. She is Hortencia's sister and Jesus' mother. Jesus (Chuy) is now 20. He has been in and out of the hospital. This is very hard for the whole family and especially for his mom, Juventina, as she contemplates losing him. She is a single mom and this is her only child. She is a precious Christian and Gerry started having a weekly Bible Study with her and encouraging her. There are several teen age kids within the house. We pray for this family.

The Solano family:

Gerry met Senaida at the Food Bank where she volunteers on Thursdays. Senaida came one day wanting to prepare food for the workers because they had been so kind to her. Knowing that they could only take food provided by the soup kitchen on site Gerry asked if she could visit and they became special friends. At that time she had 4 children, all boys. Gerry remembers the day that Senaida found out that her next child would be a girl. That was quite a day. Now she has had another girl and she named her Anna (Anita) because she was afraid she would never see us again during this last year. (Ann is Gerry's middle name.) Little Anna will be a year old this month. Senaida is a sweet Christian and she is raising her children to love the Lord. She is an encouragement to us.

The Castro family:

We met the Castro family when our 2 sons went to school with their boys. Their daughter was in Gerry's teen group that met on Wednesday morning when they had late arrival. They either met at our house or McDonald's. This was a group of teen girls who loved to get together. They would eat breakfast and then have a devotion from the Bible before being dropped off at school. Good memories! They all graduated last year and we watched the graduation by Zoom. A first for us. We were able to attend some of the graduation parties though. This last summer Gerry visited with Guadelupe, the mom quite a bit and she heard more stories of their family. Pray for God to open opportunities for us to share about the gift of salvation that is free to all.



CEF kids Good News Club:

Gerry is involved in two clubs reaching out in the Hispanic communities this year. One is kids in a Hispanic church in a town nearby. They use the Hispanic youth group as helpers in discipling them. What a great group. The other group is in a field worker's apartment complex that has about 50 apartments. This has existed for 3 years although they were not able to be in there much last year because of restrictions. They are over joyed for entrance last summer and this school year. This is an awesome opportunity.

We give thanks for the opportunities that God gives us and for you also our friends.



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