

News from the Tyas family
Serving in WA among the Hispanic community
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From the Notes of Ed and Gerry...

This definitely is a different year. Nonetheless there are opportunities. We are amazed at the seeming abrupt closing down of some ministry opportunities...perhaps temporarily, but we just don't know. On the other hand the opening of others.



We have found that we have needed mega doses of God's Word during this time. As we have had more uninterrupted time to spend in His Word it has been made possible. This is always a blessing!

We have many things to be thankful for at this time of year. During this time of uncertainty we have the assurance that God is in control. What an adventure these last months have been. Let us share with you about some of our experiences.

When everything else was closed down the local food bank was still open and Gerry was able to be there once a week. This provided many opportunities for her to be of encouragement to others especially some of our families.

VISITING

Visiting in other's homes are rare at this time but we have had a few visits.

As Gerry entered the house to chat with Hortencia she was excited. They both laughed because they had not seen each other in some time. They however were together at that moment and chatting. They ended their visiting with prayer and promises of studying the Bible together.





We are keeping contact with another family that we are especially close to. When their oldest daughter was born 17 years ago Gerry was in the room with the mom. When the baby came home, mom and baby came to our house for the weekend because there were family members who were sick at their house. Mom was so touched by this. Knowing that we had no daughters mom asked Gerry if she would like to be the godmother of the baby. Being hesitant Gerry asked another person what this meant. Gerry was told that she would be

responsible for the child's spiritual growth. Gerry smiled and thought that this would be a great opportunity to enter this family's life and so that is what happened. Bri Ana is now a Senior in High School. She accepted Christ when she was young and is beautiful inwardly and outwardly. We can hardly wait to see what God does with her life and those of her family. Please pray for her and her family at this time. We miss them and would delight in pouring into their lives at this time. To a certain extent that is possible but not as we would wish.



KID'S CLUBS

Gerry has decided to volunteer with CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) this school year in their clubs. Good News Clubs that were in schools are now in churches in our areas. She is involved in 3 clubs and immensely enjoying it. It is giving her more opportunity to minister to others. One of the clubs is reaching out in the Hispanic community.



CUBA

Gerry had the opportunity of going to Cuba the summer of 2019 for 10 days with a small group lead by her cousin who works for another mission. They worked with a church in Havana. She planned to go again this last summer but that plan was canceled. A container of food is being sent to the



church they were working with to be used in their feeding program in the community. Pray that God would give the church wisdom as this is distributed and the love of God is shown.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

Basically we find that we are ministering to Hispanic families but outside of the Hispanic community which gives us a sad feeling. We don't know what to do to remedy it but we are convinced that God is in charge and upon that we rest and hope and pray. We pray that those who long for God would be satisfied. We know that even though we are more distant the Holy Spirit draws closer and Jesus is with them.

Please pray that God would bring opportunities to us of people who have not only very pressing temporary needs but also desire to have a living relationship with God in their life.

We remember when this ministry first started here 25 years ago. We had been married less than a year. A car pulled up in our drive way and a family got out and walked to our door. Dad and mom and 4 little kids. They asked, "Do you know so and so"?We brought a prayer card from the refrigerator... "Yes" they said excitedly... "They live in San Diego and they led us to the Lord and then we moved here...They gave us your address....We want to know more of Jesus and the Bible. Do you know anyone who would want to have a Bible Study with us?" We looked at them and said "Yes, we would." ... and so it began.....Please Lord....do this again...

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Thank You!

In a month when our minds turn to all the things we are thankful for, we want to thank our friends that make this ministry possible. Without you it would not be possible. With your prayer and financial support our hearts are humble as at this time our thanks go to our God and you standing along side of us.

This year has been a difficult one ministry wise. We have needed your prayers and wisdom. We are sure that we aren't the only ones as each person has his or her own story of God's faithfulness in giving wisdom and grace. We thank you for your part in our lives and we pray for you.

May you each experience God's kindness and love in this thanksgiving season.

*In Him,
Ed and Gerry Tyas*

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