

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



Ed and Gerry Tyas

## MINISTRY FROM THE KITCHEN TABLE

One of the thoughts I (Gerry) consider daily is praying for “God Appointments”. As the restrictions are opening up a little in our area I am delighted to resume a ministry that is near and dear to my heart. That is visiting in other homes. I am known as Anna as I go visiting. This is my middle name and so much easier for them to say. At the kitchen table or elsewhere in the home I want to encourage mothers and children and sometimes families in their walk with Jesus. This could include families we don’t know yet or families we have known for many years. In fact I have decided that this will be a ministry that I will concentrate on for this Spring and Summer. It is appropriate for this summer. It is also a perfect opportunity to hold discipleship encounters and family Bible studies. One question that I ask in each home before I leave ...whether it is a home I have been visiting in many times in the past or the first time that I have visited in is... “Do you have any thing you would like my husband and I to keep in our prayers?” We would love to keep you and your family in our prayers. This usually lets me in deeper to their struggles with life. Because most of our ministry is outreach this time has been very difficult for us because we weren’t doing what we had done in the past which is outreach.

Here are homes visited in recently:

I visited with the Hernandez family. It has been hard visiting sporadically for an entire year mostly by porch drop offs and by phone and text. Hortencia, only laughed at me when I suggested Zoom...I laughed too. 20 year old Jesus, (Chuy) who is a cousin was living there too. We had taken him to Bible Camp a number of years ago and it was good to get caught up. He has been receiving Dialysis treatments for his kidneys but is doing better now. He gives thanks to God for the improvement. Hortencia provided me with a cup of coffee. We visited. She shared how hard being at home all the time was for her family. We prayed for her family and the extra struggles that this time had placed on them. Kelly a 4 year old grandchild insisted I could take her home with me. I agreed to take her home to stay overnight. She was sure she needed to help me with the dishes once at our house and brought me the children's Bible



and proceeded to tell me Bible Stories that I had told her in her home before restrictions. Ed looked at me and said "She has been talking for three hours without taking a breath. "She's happy and besides...she is an only child here and also a girl." I smiled "...besides she is telling me Bible Stories." I remember taking her home that night as she cried as everyone in our house went to bed much to the disappointment of the family I had borrowed her from. That was Saturday and Sunday night we returned to a birthday party for their 14 year old daughter Maritza. This was a special time of celebration for their daughter.



\*Visiting the Perez family is always special. To visit with Sneider is always a joy. She is a beautiful Christian that I met at our local food bank when she came to offer the volunteers a meal because of their kindness to her family. I began visiting at their trailer after that. She speaks Spanish to her children but Mixtec (an indigenous language from Mexico) to her husband. In the past we found "The Jesus Film" in her indigenous language online and she immediately sent it to their family in Mexico. This to me was amazing. We sat down over a cup of coffee and a meal prepared by her. We were so overjoyed to be face to face. She has 4 boys growing to be men and a daughter. They had recently added another daughter and were proud to show her to me. We were chatting over the meal when Sneider said, "Her name is Anna." I looked up at her...."Yes" I added...Sneider continued..."I named her after you.... I was afraid I would never see you again..." This brought tears to both our eyes as we hugged...We prayed at her house for her family some of whom do not follow Jesus at this time.



What a privilege to be able to gather together with other believers whether in church or in homes and share life together and pray for each others' struggles and joys. May we never take this for granted.

During these past months I have been involved in 3 Good News Clubs conducted by CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship). Normally held in the schools as after school clubs, this year there was a need to hold them in churches. What a privilege to see kids accept Christ and excited about growing in Him.

This week CEF started a new club of which we are a team of 3 going in. Permission was given to hold a 5 week Good News Club and hand out invitations at one of the apartment complexes. We are outside and not inside. What a joy to have 12 kids show up last week. It had been an entire year but they came back. Please pray for this club that we might have a positive influence on the kids and their families and that we may maintain favor with those in leadership at the apartments. What an opportunity.



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