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News from the Tyas family
Serving in WA among the Hispanic community
Summer/Fall 2018

From the Notes of Ed and Gerry...

Summer is a memory as we head into the Fall season.

Looking back these are memories that we will remember and cherish.



Celebrations

We had the opportunity to attend many life events this summer. We attended many weddings and quinceaneras (elaborate 15th year birthday celebrations). The quinceanera starts out with a church service and ends with a catered dinner and many festivities. For the families that we know in the Hispanic community the wedding is the groom's day (he has found himself a wife) and the quinceanera is the young woman's day. She is a princess, at least for this day. There is space here for her testimony of wanting to continue to walk with God as she transitions from childhood to being an adult. These were definitely celebrations with all the nervousness and joy to go with it. What a joy for us to be able to witness these events of families we have had an opportunity to be involved with spiritually.



V.B.S.'s

We had family V.B.S.'s with a few families in the area. One that we had was held at our house. We have known this family group and friends for many years. They very much enjoyed the opportunity to come to our house. They live in an



apartment complex and enjoyed the freedom to run and play and learn about Jesus. We also took some of these kids to camp with us.



Camp

We were able to take 5 kids to Camp Living Word this summer! They had a great time, and so did we. It is always a good time of hearing from God's Word, memorizing, and Bible quizzing – activities designed to help the kids grow in their knowledge of God's written words to us. Our prayer is that it will not be just head knowledge, but that they will also have a personal relationship with our Savior that will blossom as they grow up. And they enjoy the chance to be outdoors, to swim, and to eat more food than most of us get at home!



Sunday afternoon Church

We also attend a Spanish church service Sunday afternoon and participate in the children's service. This church has gone through renovations recently. We are back now in the church building and the renovations have entailed many transitions. We find the children's class to be very challenging for us. Many of them are grandkids that are living with grandparents or foster kids. These kids range anywhere from babies to 13 years old. Many have experienced a lot in their short life. Pray that the children and youth that come would feel God's love and be ready to hear about Jesus.



Now we are looking toward fall activities.



The visiting of ladies during the day continues for Gerry. This is a special time of getting to know ladies and being sensitive to their needs and desires. This is a great time for mentoring, also.

Please pray that we would be sensitive to the Lord's leading in our plans for this fall. Thanks for your interest in all that is happening in our lives and the lives of those we touch.

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