

September Reno Update

Dear Praying Friends,

August was a very difficult month. Yet as we thought through its events, God's abundant faithfulness was evident and we realized how many blessings we have received. A special thanks to those of you who pray faithfully for us and hope you will rejoice with us in how our Lord is helping us in these days.

Early in the month we discovered that the young man who was staying in John's home to keep it safe, had stolen John's SIM card from his cell phone and had made enough phone calls etc. that the bill was well over a thousand dollars. Thankfully, some emergency mission funds from our home church were given to cover the bill. We are still working through things with the young man and his parents, all of whom attend our church. Please pray much for John and Fernanda as they will have to face this upon their arrival.

A friend of Fernanda's family is presently staying there and doing a good job preparing for their return.

In the midst of this turmoil, the Lord has given some precious bright spots. One day as Robynn was leaving the house she was approached in the street by the man that fixes our tires for us. We had given this man a devotional book last December and he told Robynn that his wife really enjoyed the readings and wanted more material. Robynn has given her three more booklets and a Bible, made a visit in their home and will be taking a leftover 2010 devotional by. Once again we are thankful for how the Lord is opening doors in our neighborhood. Please continue to pray for our Saturday morning Bible club! Attendance has fallen off in the last weeks. This past Saturday the children asked us to make some invitations that they could take to their classmates at school. Oh to have the faith of a little child!

This last week we were thrilled to see one of the teens that had moved away about a year ago show up at the house for the Bible club. Pray for Samara, as she has never been saved.



Father's Day is celebrated in August here in Brazil. We worked at inviting many of the fathers of our kids to a special service. Though none came, we did have a few out of town visitors.

A couple of months ago we started making visits to the hospital where we were allowed to hold a prayer meeting with family members as they were leaving visiting hour. (Patients are only allowed to receive visitors for an hour a day and only two people are allowed to see each patient per day.) We recently have been allowed to visit the patients during the visitation hour on Tuesdays. We are able to give tracts to the patients, their families and workers. Carlos had an especially good visit with an elderly man this past week.

Many of you will remember Dona Ana that passed away in May. For years we went by weekly to read and pray with her. Graca, her daughter would often listen and even give prayer requests. Just last week, she asked for us to read and pray with her. Please pray for the Lord to open Graca's eyes to the true gospel.

Classes have started up again in the Institute. Dani has returned from her missions trip to the Indian tribe and given a report to the church.



She also has begun teaching English classes to children at the Center. We are also offering classes on Tuesday nights and Saturday afternoons for teens and adults. These classes have been a great help to the Center as well as giving us new contacts!

Many of you know that John has struggled with lung issues for a couple of years. Stateside doctors have determined that he has bronchial asthma. We have recently discovered that the type of roof on John and Fernanda's home has asbestos in it and in light of his lung problems we knew it needed to be changed. Already, our Jehovah-Jireh has provided the funds for a new roof from an estate gift that will also help with some ministry needs.

Robynn has had a second round with shingles this month. Thankfully we were able to get her the right medicine shortly after they appeared. This has helped with the pain and though she is very worn out, she seems to be recovering once again.

This past Saturday, John fell playing kickball with children at the Sunday School Picnic, reinjuring the knee that was operated on three years ago. Thank the Lord, he has had an MRI and has been cleared to travel. John and family are scheduled to leave the States on Thursday, arriving in Salinas on Friday evening.

We are greatly looking forward to John and Fernanda's return and can't wait to see our nephew that left here at nearly eight months and will be coming back at nearly eleven months! Please pray for their health, a safe trip and wisdom and grace in adjusting back to life and ministry here in Salinas.

Love,

The Renos in Brazil