

HERRERA HIGHLIGHTS

PRAYER POINTS

- Thanksgiving for a good trip to El Salvador - including Oliver
- Praise God that Oliver is sleeping much better at night! We feel much more rested.
- Please pray for God's clear leading regarding the Witness vision trip since churches couldn't commit, and now we try to determine next steps.
- We are thankful for lots of celebrations like Friendsgiving, baby showers, and year-end parties with friends and church
- Our regional team is trying to hire 3 part-time people by February 1, 2023. Please pray that God will prepare the right people for these jobs!
- Several partner organizations are preparing for visitors in 2023. Please pray for them, especially for the Nehemiah Center since they haven't had teams in nearly 3 years.
- We continue to pray for various difficult situations among our friends and families. Please join us in asking for God's healing, grace, and provision.

THANK YOU

We appreciate your prayers and support so much! Thank you for reading and responding to our prayer letters, for posting on Facebook, for caring for us. Your partnership is invaluable, and we are thankful for you!



The graduating class of adolescents who learned about preventing violence at their church program, along with us, Steve Holtrop, and Gerardo Reyes

SEEDS OF NEW CREATION

We had a great trip to El Salvador at the end of October to visit Resonate partner Seeds of New Creation and its director, Gerardo Reyes.

While this organization is always planting "seeds" through its programs that train pastors and leaders, empower women, protect and disciple children, and create space for open dialogue, we also got to see some fruit of the seeds that have been planted.

We witnessed the graduation of a class of tweens who had learned about preventing sexual abuse at their church Sunday school class. We observed theologians discussing the Reformation, its causes, and its application today. We spent time with young leaders who graduated from the Caminante program.

We also enjoyed getting to spend

more time face to face with Gerardo after two years of zoom calls. Our latest zoom call had a lot more camaraderie in it as we chuckled over inside jokes and talked about our kids.

Our time in El Salvador helped us understand the context better and explain it more effectively to others. We discussed plans for young people from a gap year formation program called Act Five who will be going to El Salvador for two weeks in January. We tentatively planned for a vision trip based on "Witness," a small group curriculum available through Resonate. We are trying to discern the right timing and participants for this trip.

Thank God for the gift of Seeds and His faithfulness through this organization.



Left: Eating lunch together outside on a Sunday afternoon. Right: A very messy Oliver after eating dragon fruit with his father and abuela (Raúl's mom)



INNOVATION EXPERIMENTS

The Mission Innovation Team of Resonate has opened applications for another round of innovation experiments, offering grants of up to \$5,000 for new initiatives.

You may remember that we have mentioned Christ and the Family in the past, which was an experiment, and that Adrianna was a facilitator for a learning circle of experiment leaders last year. We are hoping to see more experiments this year!

We even hope to be part of the experiments, if the Lord opens doors for the Witness Vision Trip to happen this spring.

Maybe you or your church have an idea related to Holistic Gospel Witness or Church Planting that you'd like to try out. Please check out the website for more information and apply by December 15. We look forward to what God will do!

THANKSGIVING

As our calendars and hearts turn towards the holidays, it seems like a good time to give thanks. What are you thankful for lately?

Here are a few things on our list:

- God's grace
- Financial provision
- Oliver's development
 - sitting up on his own
 - pulling self to standing
 - drinking soup
 - saying mama, papa, and agua clearly
 - 3 bottom teeth
 - loves pink dragon fruit, which is really messy!
- Health and quick recovery from colds last week
- Cooler weather in Nicaragua
- A reliable mechanic
- Snickers bars

MINISTRY GIVING UPDATE

Perhaps you are considering your year-end giving and wondering how our ministry is doing.

We are thankful to report that two new churches are partnering with us, and a few new donors as well! Praise God for always providing!

We are so grateful to be at **26%** of our goal although we know that's a little low. We would be very glad to reach 50% of our goal by the end of December 2022. Would you prayerfully consider giving a special donation or partnering with us monthly? #GivingTuesday is coming next week, and we need your help in reaching our goal of 20 new supporters! Our ministry is only made possible by mission-minded people like you! Your contributions make it possible for us to visit partners like Seeds in person and witness what God is doing through them.

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