This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

Following the Fridenstines

~ Psalm 118:23

There are not words to express all that God is doing in Cojutepeque and in our hearts. Thank you for sharing this vision with us.

These first eleven weeks of the year have been absolutely amazing in the work of the Lord. There is really no way to describe the multitudes of ways that God is working in our midst. We are seeing souls saved, new communities opened, more laborers being trained, an excitement for the things of the Lord, unique ministry opportunities and a renewed confirmation that Esther and I are exactly where God has for us.

God allowed me the grand privilege to go to the Spiritual Leadership Conference ASIA in Manila, Philippines. I can honestly say that it was the conference that has impacted me the most in my life and the conference in which I was involved that had the greatest impact on the world. I am grateful for a sending pastor who loves souls and encourages me to see beyond the walls of one's own ministry.

I am excited about how God has worked in the Philippines and how they are changing their country and sending out missionaries to the world and convicted that God wants to and is working to do the same thing here in Central America. El Salvador is in the center of Central America and we want to be in the center of what God is doing and is going to do for His honor and glory.



my life and His ministry to reflect Who He is.

Last Thursday, I had a great privilege of going out for coffee with the police commander in charge of the spiritual well-being of the police force in the country of El Salvador. His rank is impressive and it is amazing how God opened doors through difficult circumstances two years ago to have this personal contact. We discussed how our local church can help get a John and Romans and a presentation of the Gospel to every member of the police force in the country. We have a plan and are beginning to work that plan. Please pray with us that God will prepare the hearts and this effort can see a revival among a very needy, unreached people group in our country.

Coming into 2023, we have tried to re-focus in soul winning once again. We are training in soulwinning and encouraging each Christian to go out and to be a witness in their place of study and work.

As we go out, we are not just trying to invite to church, but really look for opportunities to share the Gospel. Since the start of the year, we have seen people saved at their doors, on the street and in the personal lives of our people every single week. We had a host of visitors on Friend Day in February and are seeing visitors almost every week in our services.

Because of how our President has worked hard to clean up the gang activity in our country, there is much more freedom to enter into every area and neighborhood of our community.

Last week we had a kid's rally in a little town about 20 minutes below our church right on the lake called Cujuapa. Until about two months ago, we never had the ability to go down there because of the danger of the area. We took a group of 35 people and saw nine people saved while inviting to the event and another 23 saved during the special event of which 88 people attended. One of

which was a lady named Yésica who lost two of her sons to jail during the "clean up" process of government. She now has peace



about her eternal home and hope during this hard time in her life.

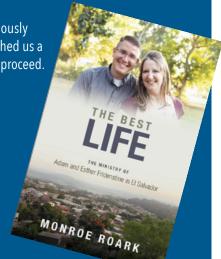
These are amazing opportunities and we hope to water these seeds and see many come "up the hill" to church very soon.

If you have been following our ministry for a short time or from the beginning, you will be blessed by a new book that has recently been published. THE BEST LIFE shares stories of how God has moved in such a great way in El Salvador and in our own family.

We did not seek this out. The author, who previously published six missionary biographies, approached us a year ago and we agreed to allow the project to proceed. It was published with our full cooperation.

The book is available on Amazon here: amazon.com/dp/B0BP4D2882

If you want multiple copies, send an email to mroark@mroark.com and put "Fridenstine book" in the subject line to get a greatly discounted rate.



Our family is doing great. We are loving ministry and truly enjoy serving together. Our school year is January through October so Joel has a good start into 8th grade, Micah into 5th and Isaí into 3rd. We are healthy and happy!

We had the privilege of having Dr. Snyder, President of BIMI, down to visit us and to teach one of our classes in the Seminary. We truly enjoyed our fellowship with him and some good family time while he was here. God has put such wonderful people in our lives from which to learn, stretch and grow. We are truly grateful.



Thank you for your prayers and support. Please pray for our single adults as God is actively working in their hearts and lives. They have surrendered to God's will, but they need direction about where to go, when to go, who to marry and patience to finish their Seminary classes. God is good and He is doing great things.

For El Salvador.



Pictures from the last two months of ministry:











Pastor's Meeting
Friend Day at church
Crazy hat day at school
Baptisms
Faithful servants
Children receiving Christ





