

# Following the Fridenstines

February 2024

It is hard to believe that we are already finishing out the month of February 2024. God continues to be faithful and so very good.

We are doing great—loving the service of the Lord. Our church theme this year is “He must increase, but I must decrease.” Life is all about HIM. We are excited to exalt Jesus Christ and in our lives and see HIM work.

Here in Cojutepeque things are busy and always moving. The church is healthy and excited about serving the Lord, our school is up over 300 in enrollment, we have had 8 new students enroll in our Seminary already this year with more applications coming in for the mission board as well. God is working and we are trying to keep up with all that He has entrusted us with.

Thank you for your part in reaching the souls of Cojute and for training laborers for the rest of the world.



This month of February has been an extra-special missions focus for our family. Although we are foreign missionaries and El Salvador is not our place of birth, it is our home and we feel that it is very important for our children to see outside of their “normal” as well as to what God is doing in other places. It is healthy for everyone to look beyond home and remember that there is a world to reach with the Gospel.

Our family has taken two “missions trips” this month. The first one was to see our good friends, Walter and Mayra Menjivar, in Boaco, Nicaragua. All five of us were so excited to visit our dear friends (sent out of our church) and be part of what God is doing in Boaco. God is certainly working there. We were able to help with their Friend Day and saw many visitors, two saved and two baptized! We were also able to help with expanding a small portion of their building and had some great times of laughing and good memories. Please pray for more room for them - they have filled what they have. On our way back, we stopped by for dinner with Jonathan and Dámaras Castro in Jinotega. They packed out their building for Friend Day and desperately need more room as well. God is working in Nicaragua!

Friday and Saturday, we were in Chalatenango, El Salvador preaching for an “each on reach one” conference. We were blessed by the sweet people and their love for lost souls in their area.

On February 11, we celebrated "Friend Day" here at the church. It was a wonderful day and our people worked very hard to make it special for each one of the visitors. We had 55 visitors and one of them was saved. Her name is Margarita and I met her in the park. The Lord had prepared her heart and because I obeyed and was out inviting and telling people about Christ, she came across my path. She came on Friend Day, received Christ and is excited about coming back and growing in her new faith.

We have seen two more saved on the follow-ups from this day as well as 17 other precious soul since the beginning of the year. God is giving a harvest here in Cojute, and we are doing our best to administer it well.

## Opportunities and Prayer Requests:

We have a few opportunities and with that prayer requests to share.

- 1) God has given us an open door for reaching our police. We have met with the top officials and received request for us as local Baptist churches here in El Salvador to enter into the official police meetings, share the Gospel while they are in formation and give them a beautiful New Testament that has been printed especially for them.

The first shipment of those Bibles and John and Romans is on its way. We are praying for three things: First, that God provides for the payment of these shipments. One is taken care of and the other we are still praying for the provision. Second, we are praying for the hearts of the police force that they will be ready to hear the Gospel. Third, we are praying for the local churches and pastors to get involved in helping us to distribute and conduct these special times.

- 2) We have been having some issues with the water and septic systems here on the church and school properties. Things have been working out, but yesterday, one of our tanks collapsed. Today the men are digging in to find out the problem. Please pray for quick solutions and wisdom in all the decisions that come with this bump in the road. It obviously effects our church bathrooms and Kindergarten classes. With 300-400 people on the property each day, it can get interesting!

Thank you for loving and caring so much for our family. We are busy, but very well. Esther is teaching junior and senior high math this year. She is enjoying it, but it does change some of the dynamic of our day. We are working hard to have balance, stay healthy and keep good family time abounding.

For the souls of El Salvador and beyond,

**Adam Fridenstine Family**

