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Following the Fridenstines



We want you to rejoice with us as we reflect on God and the amazing blessings with which He has started 2026. Our theme for this year is **"Contemplate - Consider, Behold."** We are encouraging our church family to take time to study, reflect, and meditate on who God is and on His great plan and work in our lives. As we begin this new year of ministry, it has been a joy to pause and truly contemplate the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord. January and February have been very busy, but also very fruitful months.



We had a wonderful start to our school training time. My brother, Andrew, and his wife, Jillana, were able to help us during those days. It was also a season of transition, as several new teachers joined our staff. In addition, we needed to build two new classrooms for our high school classes. It was a challenge to receive the necessary permissions in time, but by the grace of God everything came together, and the classrooms were completed and are beautiful.



We began the new school year with a few new students, and there is a very sweet spirit among the student body this year. In spite of many changes, God has been faithful to provide a wonderful environment where the students can learn, focus, and see the love of God demonstrated. Through our Monday chapels, we have already seen several students trust Christ as their Saviour or gain assurance of their salvation. In fact, week after week we are seeing people receive the Lord, and we praise God for the souls He is saving.



In February we also had an incredible outreach through our VBS. Many children attended for two afternoons and then returned with their parents for our Friend's Day on Sunday the 15th. It was a blessing to see our church family working together to bring these children and families to church. We had a special program prepared for them, and on Sunday the Gospel was clearly preached. Many responded and trusted Christ as Saviour. Praise the Lord that several of these families have continued attending since that day. We are now focusing on follow-up visits and starting new outreach routes on Sundays. On that same Sunday, we also had two believers follow the Lord in baptism. We rejoice in what the Lord is doing here, but we know there is still much work to do and many more souls to reach.

As we labor here in Cojutepeque, a dear family sent out from our church—the Corena family—is preparing to move to Chile this coming fall. They are faithfully praying, preparing, and visiting churches around Central America to raise their support, but they are still lacking a significant portion of what they need. Denis attempted to obtain a visa to visit churches in the United States, but it was denied. If you might be interested in supporting them, please feel free to contact me. I would be happy to recommend them to you and help connect you with them.



We are also grateful for what the Lord is doing through discipleship. At this time we have around twenty people who are faithfully learning and growing in the Lord through these studies. It is a joy to invest in their lives and watch them grow spiritually. Truly, this is a wonderful season of harvest here and around the world.



Another growing ministry is our seminary. The Lord has blessed us with more than fifty students who are preparing to serve Him. As we move forward in the process of becoming legally recognized, we will need to have a separate property dedicated specifically for the seminary. For this reason, we are praying and seeking the Lord's direction about acquiring a new space. Please pray with us for wisdom and for God's clear provision in this important step.



On the family side, it is hard to believe that our oldest son, Joel, is now in his senior year of high school. He is serving the Lord faithfully and has a growing passion to reach the lost here. At the same time, his love for missions continues to grow, and it is becoming very evident in his life. Micah is doing well in eighth grade. He broke his ankle in the middle of our VBS week, but he continues to keep a big smile and joyful spirit everywhere he goes, enjoying all the attention and care he is receiving. Isai is enjoying sixth grade and has begun learning to play the violin along with some friends. His passion for music has grown recently, and we are praying that he will use his gifts for the Lord.



As a family, we also had the opportunity to travel to Guatemala to preach and teach at a large anniversary conference. We met many wonderful people and were thankful for the time of ministry as well as the special time together as a family. God is so good all the time! Thank you so much for rejoicing with us, contemplating the Lord's goodness, praying for us, supporting us, and partnering with us as we continue reaching the people of Cojutepeque, El Salvador.



We love and appreciate you,

Adam, Esther, Joel, Micah and Isai Fridenstine