

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

August 2021 Update from El Salvador



Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, we had the opportunity to walk around a Baltimore city neighborhood that was filled with many cultures, including those of Central America. We saw signs for a Salvadoran lawyer, and also for pupusas, the traditional food of El Salvador. It was a reminder of how many cultures are represented in cities around the world, and also a reminder of the great opportunity that we have to be living and serving in a city.

Focusing the majority of our work in San Salvador is strategic because 1/3 of the country lives there. People come looking for something new, a job, or a chance to start fresh. Sometimes they find heartbreak instead. When that happens, we have the opportunity to step in to those spaces of disappointment and loss and to bring healing and care in Jesus' name.

Cities are beautiful and complex places and stepping outside of our daily context of ministry reminds us of how privileged we are to live and serve in San Salvador. During our time in the States, we have been able to see some of you face to face, to update some of our donors and partners, and to have moments of connection with family. As we head back to work, we have hearts and minds renewed and are ready to jump back into the complexity of our urban lives. We thank you for walking with us and supporting us all along the way!

For Freedom,

Jon and Danielle Snyder

Photo Above: Beautiful street art in the Highlandtown neighborhood of Baltimore city showing the immigrant history of the neighborhood.



Left: August is the time of the "Fiestas Agostinas," the traditional fairs and celebration that happen each year in San Salvador. In the Lighthouse Resource Center, we celebrated with our own festivals and fair for our clients.

Right: One of the very first graduates we had from our New Dawn program is back teaching English to the current residents and some of our staff...we are so excited to have him volunteering in the program and giving back to the residents!



As the U.S. representatives for Mission To El Salvador, we have had the opportunity to touch base with many of our partnering churches on this trip in Maryland and Pennsylvania...we are so thankful for our partners!

PRAY WITH US

- For our staff and clients in the Lighthouse Resource Center as one of our therapists prepares to go on maternity leave. Pray for a healthy and safe birth, and for all of the staff and clients as they adjust to her absence.
 - For another new resident in New Dawn (our residential rehab program for youth) who just joined the program in July. Pray that he would adjust quickly and pray for him, our residents, and our staff during the challenging blackout stage.
 - For our family, the Snyders, as we say good-bye to friends and family and head back to El Salvador. Pray for smooth travels, and a smooth start to the school year for Tori and Ian.
 - Pray for the current wave of COVID in El Salvador driven by new variants in the country. The vaccine is still being distributed, and life is still restricted in many ways. Pray for safety and protection for all of our clients and staff and for the country to be able to respond quickly and effectively to ongoing issues related to the pandemic
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