

“Look at the nations and watch- and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.” Habakkuk 1:5



## Carolyn in El Salvador



December 2010

### Prayer Requests:

\*Pray for us as we'll be starting the new semester on January 24! We will be handing out freshman survival kits to the 500 new freshmen. Pray for meaningful conversations as we are hoping to meet every freshman, and for them to encounter Jesus.

\*Pray that individually and as a community we will be men and women of prayer, take steps of faith in sharing the gospel, and reflect God's heart.

\* Pray that many lives will be transformed this next semester.

**“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”  
Matthew 5:16**

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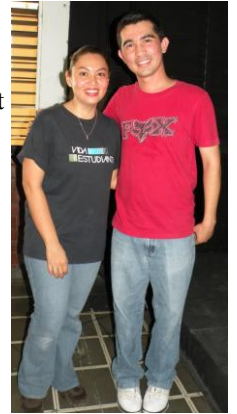
Dear Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas season and are off to a great start in 2011. While there were only two weeks of classes this month due to “summer vacation” starting for the students, December was packed full of exciting highlights that have launched us into a new stage of ministry.

### End of the semester party...

Ruben, a graduating senior who has been involved in Vida Estudiantil from the beginning, shared his testimony with his peers. “It was in VE where I learned that it's not about a religion, it's about a relationship with Jesus.” Ruben shared how he came to know Jesus in college through his friend, Jeannete (one of my co-workers). After Jeannete joined staff, she was assigned to Matias University. It was a discouraging season filled with a lot of prayer and waiting. Ruben recounted how after he met Jeannete, he would meet with her and they would pray for God to raise up students. They shared their faith a lot, invited students to a Bible Study and Weekly Meeting, but often times they would be sitting in a room alone when the hour came. Ruben's eyes filled with tears as he looked out at the 25+ students before him that God has raised up...an answer to his prayers. He challenged the students to walk with Jesus and live boldly for him. Pray for Ruben; he is finishing his senior project this semester, then joining staff with Campus Crusade. He is walking into a difficult season with his family not supporting him in his decision to join staff...pray for strength and encouragement. I love that I get to work with students like Ruben who will continue to have an impact on this country in the future.

**Luz en la oscuridad (Light in the darkness)**, was the theme for the annual Christmas dinner that we held for supporters of the Salvadorian Staff team, the students involved in Vida Estudiantil and their parents. During the dinner we shared some of the highlights from 2010, but by far the biggest testament showing light in the darkness was the 30+ students involved in VE that came.



Ruben and Jeannete



**Leadership Retreat**...December 17-18, we had a leadership retreat for the 5 students who accepted the challenge to lead ministry teams this next year in Vida Estudiantil. The purpose of the retreat was to spend some quality time with the student leaders casting vision, seeking the Lord, praying, and equipping them to lead. Each student met with their coach during the retreat to pray, receive some training in how to lead a team (which will be comprised of students involved in VE), and start creating a plan for this next semester. Please pray for Ruben, Jose, Fatima, Fiore, and Claudia as they're leading their peers this next year! This is a huge step forward in becoming a student led ministry!

Thank you so much for your prayers and generosity...because of your partnership, light is penetrating the darkness here.

Bendiciones (Blessings),  
Carolyn Gardella