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Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from San Salvador! Many of you already know that I will be returning to El Salvador to intern with Campus Crusade for Christ for another year. In addition to my monthly newsletter, I want to share with you specifically why I feel led to stay and ask you to prayerfully consider partnering with me for another year.



While there have been ups and downs during my time in El Salvador, I can confidently say that I absolutely love my job. I feel so honored to mentor and work alongside incredible women who are passionate about reaching their campus, country, and the world with the love of Jesus. Upon coming to El Salvador I prayed that the Lord would make it clear if He would have me stay another year; and throughout my time here, He has.

As you know, our purpose in working on the university campus is to introduce students to who Jesus is, build them up in their faith, and send them out to be lights where God places them. I have the privilege of working among the 3% of the population that has the opportunity to attend college. The future leaders we work with will have the opportunity to impact many lives and evoke change in this country.

This change is what Lucia, a second year marketing student, wants to be a part of. I met Lucia at the beginning of May. One of the first questions she asked me was, "What do you *really* think about El Salvador?" I shared honestly some things that were difficult for me to adjust to, one being the loss of freedom I've experienced as a woman due to the danger here. Lucia could completely relate and proceeded to share her frustrations with the country and how she would change things. Later in our conversation she shared about her spiritual background. "I don't really know what I believe, I'm searching," she told me. Over the course of the next week, Lucia asked great questions and I shared about having a relationship with Jesus. She made the decision to accept Christ. Shortly after she gave her life to Christ, she said "I was looking for something like Vida Estudiantil and I know other students are too." I'm confident that God will use Lucia to make an impact on the university campus and this country.

Thank you so much for partnering with me this year. God used you to transform lives. Without you this ministry wouldn't be possible. Will you prayerfully consider partnering financially with me for another year?

I will be coming home on June 27<sup>th</sup> for the summer and will be leaving again on August 14<sup>th</sup>. *It is my desire to see each of you this summer and share about what God has done this year.* I look forward to talking to you within the next month. I'm so excited to hopefully share in person what God has done this year and how He has used you!



With Joy,

*Carolyn Gardella*