



Ontario, CA, US

Rev. Taylor & Ariana Kern

“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain”

- Psalm 127:1

Greetings from your brothers and sisters in El Mesías, the Spanish language church plant of Ontario URC, in Southern California. Thank you for your time and prayers. For indeed, all our labor is in vain if God himself is not blessing the work. We trust that as you pray for us, the Lord hears and is *“able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine”* (Eph 3:20). Thank you!

It has been a year since we last updated the churches via the Trumpet, and there is much to report, much that we trust will be an encouragement to you all. Here are a few noteworthy things:

- On February 1st of 2018, pastor Taylor, his wife Ariana, and their two-year-old Josiah, welcomed the birth of their second son, Judah Asher Kern. They give thanks to the Lord for this joyous blessing of another covenant child.
- Pastor Taylor recently finished preaching through the fifth book of Moses, Deuteronomy. We are currently working through 1 Timothy, which is fitting for us as a young church plant in need of divine instruction for putting into order the household of God (1 Tim. 3:14-15). Also, after finishing our study of Romans, we launched our weekly study of Covenant theology.
- This past year we received the profession of faith of a family of 4 that has come out of Pentecostal oneness.
- The Lord has provided two new office bearers for our ministry: Troy Briceno as elder and Ruben Rodriguez as deacon. They have already begun to serve with great dedication and fruitfulness.
- We examined and licensed Mr. Eddy Garcia, a member from our Spanish ministry, to be an exhorter of the Word of God in the URC



churches. He is in his last year of studies at Westminster Seminary California and has already shown great promise.

- Lately, Pastor Taylor has been discipling two unchurched Spanish speaking men from the community: Fernando from Columbia and Jese from Texas.
- A family of four just moved into Ontario and have begun worshipping with us regularly.
- We updated our signage to better direct visitors to the location of our ministry. This includes a professionally designed welcome booth that we set up weekly with the aim of giving a warm welcome to visitors.
- Additionally, on Nov. 16-22, Pastor Taylor will join Rev. Lankheet in El Salvador to teach at a pastor’s conference.

Thank you for your support and prayers. Please pray that in all of these labors mentioned, that the Lord would continue to use us, his weak vessels, to build up the people of King Jesus in this place.

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 **Edmonton, AB, CA**

Peter & Darlene Wright

‘...that by all means I might save some...’ The organized aspect of the outreach of our church – Cornerstone United Reformed of Edmonton - started from a dilemma! This had never been tried before. Hiring a sports- loving, and former self-described ‘violent’ Arminian, 55+ Baptist pastor (now Reformed) to do outreach in a conservative Reformed Church was not a precursor for smooth sailing. Nor was it easy-going to begin! However, the office bearers, congregation, worker and his wife persevered and now over 12 years later all are still working together in harmony.

The first start was made in the traditional senior home outreach monthly service which continues to this day with wonderful support from some of the youth and others in the church. Schools were approached to see if a NCCP certified Track and X Country running coach could be used. Two local public schools responded and we today are still in those schools. In fact this past spring at the Jr High’s Athletic Banquet, which our church hosts, I was asked to pray before the meal and was given freedom to publicly give thanks for our meal in the name of Jesus our Saviour!

The contacts through coaching in the schools and in a small Track Club were invited to a Rec Nite, first in our church gym which we quickly outgrew, and now 30+ meet weekly from fall to spring for sports and the Gospel.



The year 2006 saw the beginning of a community outreach soccer league where 70-80% of the participants are unbelievers with a significant number being Muslim. At half-time the Gospel is shared by me or one of Christian captains. For the kids we conduct a weekly Run/Jump/Throw program.

Along the way we have added special outreach events which rely on the support and involvement of many church members. These include a fall Block Party/Soap Box Derby, Valentine’s Supper, various tournaments - at Easter, B-Ball, Winter V-Ball, and Summer Soccer and Caroling door to door by our congregation.

Approximately 7 years ago we began a ESL outreach along with the local CanRC’s. Just this past week one of our Asian ladies answered this question, “What did Jesus not have at his birth that we have at ours?” She responded to our delight, “Original sin!”

The highlight of the year is our week-long summer cross country running camp. The camp includes a strenuous week of running, numerous sports on and off the water, wonderful friendships with all attendees and 2 chapels a day where an invited URC minister preaches the Gospel. We are blessed each year now with nearly 40 campers, of which the large majority are unbelievers, including our Muslim friends.

Join with us in prayer for these evangelistic outreaches! For more information, feel free to contact me.

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CONFERENCE**

March 25-28, 2019

Theme: “That the World May Know: Striving Side by Side for the Gospel.”



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