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### INDEPENDENCE DAY

September is a very special time in El Salvador because it is the month in which independence from Spain is celebrated. On the first of September schools all around the country will celebrate with patriotic assemblies. Independence Day in El Salvador as well as in Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Guatemala is celebrated on September 15 with huge parades led by school children.

This September 15<sup>th</sup> will be extra meaningful because it will be the first parade since the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. These images are from September 2019. The students shown are from the Methodist School in Ahuachapán, El Salvador. It is the only Methodist school in the country. The school currently serves over 500 students and their families. The Methodist school offers a well-rounded private education at an affordable price for families of all backgrounds. Thanks to scholarships provided by foreign partners we can offer the opportunity to a quality education in a nurturing environment to children of all economic backgrounds.







## August Corn Festivals

### *The Lord of the Harvest*

*“Then He said to His disciples, ‘the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest.’” Matthew 9:37-38*

Corn is the primary ingredient in many traditional Salvadoran foods, and thus is a vital crop to the people of El Salvador. August is the month that the crops are harvested and this year there were several corn celebrations worth sharing. At the Methodist School High School students prepared traditional corn-based foods to share with the Elementary Grade Students. Funds raised by students were used to purchase fans for the classrooms.

At La Providencia Methodist Church the last Sunday in August marked a harvest festival. Corn harvested from members’ crops was used to provide tamales, atol, and corn on the cob. The new faith community from Apaneca joined us for praise and worship. It was a great day of unity, fellowship and thanksgiving for all that the Lord has done in our lives in this past year. I had the exceptional honor of preaching at this worship service.



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## Opportunities to Connect

**October Itineration:** I will be visiting a few supporting churches, family, and friends during the month of October. My Sundays are full, but I'm looking to add a few more stops during the weekdays. If you would like to meet up for coffee, lunch, dinner, or a church gathering (big or small) please send me an email, WhatsApp message or Facebook message so we can meet-up. I will be in these locations for Sunday morning worship...please come if you are in the area.

**Sunday, October 2** – Centreville UMC, Centreville, VA

**Saturday, October 8** – New Hope Women of Faith,  
Roanoke Rapids, NC

**Sunday, October 9** – First UMC Wilson, NC

**Sunday, October 16** – Haymount UMC, Fayetteville, NC

**Sunday, October 23** – Cornerstone UMC, Newnan, GA

**Sunday, October 30** – Newberg UMC, Newberg, OR

I'm hoping to fill in the Mondays and Wednesdays with more visits. If your church or group is not listed here, and you would like me to visit, please reach out so we can get a visit on the calendar. Virtual Meetings Welcome 😊

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