



**"No Cross,
No Crown"**

The Cross and Crown

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Even after 22 years of marriage, my wife and I still come across items that bring back fond memories of our wedding day. We might pick up a dish or turn on an appliance and recall the people who gifted those items to us. One gift I especially remember was a beautiful, hand-knit comforter that we received from Erna Perez. It was unusual, first, because not many people our circles invest that much time and effort in a wedding gift anymore. (Hers was the only handmade gift that we received.) It was also unusually generous because, honestly, we didn't know her very well. We knew her brother, Otto, of course, and Highway has supported her grandson, Bob, and his family (missionaries to Latin America and the Caribbean) for almost as many years as I've been married, but, although I knew her by name and by sight, I'm sad to say that I really took the time to sit and get to know her.



At men's Bible studies over the past few years, I was privileged to get some glimpses from Otto about their family's lives in post-World War II Germany. I really wish that I'd taken the time to hear more of those stories! While some people may be World War II buffs, I, personally, am more interested in personal and family histories of faith. Erna and Otto's father was a man of prayer and great faith, and he passed that faith down through his children, all of whom attended Highway for years and years, to the next generation and the one following.

We all invest our time, energy and money in any number of things. Jesus cautions us against investing too heavily in things of this earth; things that are so quick to disappear. No matter how wisely we attempt to invest in the things of this world, our wealth can be wiped out in an instant, through a collapse of the banking industry or, maybe, the recklessness of our heirs. The only true way to leave a lasting legacy is to invest in Eternity. The investment that Erna's father made in his family is still paying dividends, more than eighty years later – and on the other side of the world.

We received word this week that Sister, Erna passed from this world to eternity on June 17th, at age 91. We rejoice not only in the memory of a life well lived but also in the enduring blessings that have resulted from her faithfulness in perpetuating the legacy. Highway Tabernacle is indeed privileged and blessed to have been a part of that story!

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

(Psalm 90:1,2)

Thanks for Praying!

We are so grateful for all that God is doing among us in response to your prayers! Thank you for committing to pray with us for

- many health challenges among our ministry team and their families,
- summer ministries to kids and families, including VBS, Daily Bible Power Hour and Performing Arts Camp,
- the wisdom and ability to train the next generation of leaders, and
- financial provision to sustain our ministries.







Volunteers helping us get the building ready for summer ministries!

We're praying with you!

If you're on our mailing list*, you're on our prayer list! If there's anything specific that we can join you in praying about, please let us know.

And thank you to those who keep in touch! We do love hearing from you.

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If you'd rather receive this letter via e-mail, please let us know!

Did you know?

In 1938, at age seven, Erna prayed for her father who was lined up to be executed, and God miraculously delivered him! These are the stories that we must pass on, to encourage the next generation. We would love to hear about the miracles that God has done in your life!

“One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.”
(Psalm 145:4)



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