



Dear Friends and Family,

January 2023

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and a great start to the new year. Last month was a busy month for ministry. Throughout the month we sang many Christmas hymns and Jeremy preached a series of messages on "The Mystery of Godliness" from 1 Timothy 3:16. It was a great opportunity to focus on the incarnation of Christ and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Michelle worked with the kids to prepare them for our first ever Nativity play. We had a special Christmas services and had nearly 40 people. We enjoyed being able to teach them Spanish versions of many of the Christmas hymns that we know and love. We have also continued to proclaim the Gospel throughout San Pablo. One woman named Daisy called upon Christ for salvation. We have also had some new visitors as well as others who have returned. One lady said that she had spent years in church and had never heard such doctrinal and biblical teaching. She encouraged others to not only receive it but also to share it with others. We are now making plans for the new year. We are praying for the Lord's direction on how we can further expand the ministry this year.

As for our family, we did not do any traveling for Christmas this year. We simply celebrated Christmas with our children and with our church family. Thankfully, the kids were able to get a nice break from school and we were able to enjoy a little bit more sleep each day. It was a good time to spend extra time with Michelle and the kids. We listened to lots of Christmas hymns and were able to both make and eat some nice Christmas treats! We were also able to spend some extra time with friends. God has been good to us in 2022. We now look forward to what God will do in 2023!

Before sharing some prayer requests, I would like to send a special "thank you" to those who have sent us special Christmas offerings. What a blessing! This month please pray:

1. That God will guide us as we seek to renew our legal residency this year.
2. That God will help a lady who attends our church (Liliam) with her eye infection and upcoming surgery.
3. That God will use us to bring the Gospel to more people this year.
4. That more people will receive Christ, follow the Lord in baptism, and join the church this year.

In Christ,

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