

Merry Christmas

December 2025

Dear praying friends,

It is always a blessing to come to the end of a year and reflect on who the Lord is and how He has worked in and through us. In October and November, the Lord has allowed us to serve Him and others in El Salvador and in Mexico.

Every year we set a goal as to how many doors we will knock on while evangelizing our neighborhood and those surrounding us. Even though there are a few weeks left in the year, by God's grace, we have pretty much reached our goal. The Lord should be praised for giving to us, in His Spirit (Acts 1:8), the boldness to witness to hundreds of people during the year. Although, for the moment, we do not get to see much visible fruit, we know that God is working powerfully. One of the biggest miracles is that we have not given up and continue to work with the same burden and expectation that we had when we first started 20 years ago. Please pray for open doors. Pray that by this time next year we can rejoice together that God has allowed us to see souls saved.

As we try to preach and minister door-to-door, the Lord also gives us the privilege of ministering God's Word during the church services. This year I have been preaching the Books of Luke and 1 Samuel. Christine and Joshua continue to minister to the kids in Sunday School. We praise God for the faithfulness of the children that come to the services. Christine is endeavoring to teach these children good habits, such as reading their Bibles every day and memorizing verses. Please pray that God's Spirit would continue to work in people's lives. Pray that they would lovingly surrender to His will.

A couple of weeks ago, I got the privilege of going to Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico. The Lord allowed me to preach an anniversary conference for one of the churches that was established by my mentor Luis Castro (the subject of the biography I was privileged to write). By God's grace, I preached the Book of 2nd Thessalonians. It is always my desire to be used of God to edify the believers and to preach the Gospel to those who are lost. Also, I gave away many copies of the biography and was truly humbled to see how well the book was received. Please pray for me as the Lord sends me to other places to preach. In December, we will go to minister to a church in San Miguel. In January, I plan on doing the same thing in Copan, Honduras.

As we mentioned earlier, Joshua ministers in the Sunday school class. Recently, he taught a clear lesson about salvation. We are so proud of him, as he is of a shy nature and does not normally want to speak or be the center of attention. He is learning to rely on God to give him the words to say in the moment he teaches, after he has spent much time preparing. Please pray for him as he develops in his ability to teach and reach others. We are also thankful for Caleb, who continuously serves each week in the main service with Bible reading, piano playing, and prayer at the opening of the church service. It gives us great joy and a strong source of encouragement to minister alongside our children. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Yours in Christ,

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