



"And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

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MERRY CHRISTMAS . . . TO OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

"And God placed all things under His feet
and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church,
which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way."
Ephesians 1:22,23

We praise the Lord our God for coming to earth as a Child, for dying for us on the cross and rising from the death. We are thankful that He is the one who directs His church as the Head. We are the Body; we are His hands and feet here on earth. We need to walk as He walked, give love as He gave love, stand for what He stood for, resist evil and live a life worthy of being called His Body. Our prayer is that in this season (and all year around) we all can realize the importance of being in Christ's body here on earth and follow His direction and that all of us will fulfill our calling here on earth.

Our family is thankful and grateful to our God for giving us the blessing to know Him, the privilege to share with others about Him and for each one of you in whom we see His love for us.



Merry Christmas

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We want to give you an update for these past months of ministry journey. We praise God for a wonderful time in the States visiting friends and family and also having the opportunity to meet new friends and ministry supporters.

Our time in the States was full of blessings. Our two sons Charles and Danny were baptized at Fairhaven Church in Dayton, OH. Also Carlos had the privilege to baptize his sister, Sheny in Dallas. We had the opportunity to meet new friends and churches and share our ministry. We are grateful to all of you who showed us your love and support by opening these doors for us.

We are thankful to the Lord for all of you. Our trip to the States was possible only because the Body of Christ worked together to make it happen. Thanks again for everything. You blessed us so much.

We arrived in Guatemala October first. Charlie and Danny started school at the Christian Academy of Guatemala (school for missionary kids) the following week. We stayed at a friend's apartment for 3 days and then moved for 3 weeks to a friend's house.

The Lord opened a door for us to rent a house for 6 months. That will give us the time to look and continue to pray for the Lord's guidance. Our move from Chichicastenango to San Lucas was successful. We still are working on unpacking and getting things settled. The kids are adjusting well. We are very happy to be able to be part of The Galilea Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in San Lucas and to be able to have a church family here in Guatemala.

Now that we are back in the San Lucas area we are going to be involved more with the ministry in the sugar cane plantation, El Zapote (ministry that we have worked with for the last 6 years) by helping to bring mission teams to do medical clinics and also construction teams to build a church and a parsonage. In November we helped with a Vacation Bible School for about 300 children. 86 kids accepted the Lord for the first time. Also at the same time there was a dental clinic. Many patients were seen and evangelized. The local pastor will follow up and continue to work with them. Please pray that they will attend the church.

It was a blessing for us to see what the Lord is doing in the village of El Zapote. We saw the work that was put into that community by many of you, who came to work year after year for the past 6 years, and also by giving sacrificially, to see the church and the pastor's house built, is giving much fruit for the glory of God.

Also we visited a community about 4 miles away from El Zapote where a new church has been built (this is a daughter church of El Zapote church.) This community consists of 40 families from Chichicastenango that didn't have much. Many of them are Christians, while others practice the Mayan religion. The government has given these families a finca (large property for them to live on and work the land.) In an eight-year time frame, these families are to make the land produce to make a profit and pay the land off.

Visiting this community was amazing for us because as you know we have worked for the past 2 years in Chichicastenango and now have moved to San Lucas. We knew that we were going to be involved in the ministry of El Zapote but we did not know that God had been preparing us as we learned about the Mayan culture and people. It is a hard thing for us to explain all this but the only thing we can say is that we see the hand of God moving in this amazing experience. Please continue to pray for God's direction for our family and ministry. We will continue to trust in His provision, help and guidance.

We also thank God for giving us the blessing to see our kids grow. Danny turned 9 years old November 20. He is enjoying school. This past week he was part of the Christmas choir and will sing at the church Christmas program, December 24. He also participated in a running competition at school and ran 1 mile.

Charles will turn 11 on December 28 he is growing and turning into a young man. He loves to be involved in school activities. He played the part of one of the wisemen in the school Christmas play. He ran his first 5 Kilometers at the school competition this past weekend.

Allyson is 5 years old and is getting very fluent in Spanish and enjoying life. She wants to keep up with her two brothers so she decided that she wanted to run the 1 mile competition with Danny and she did very well (she finished the competition!)

We are looking forward to next year. We have 6 mission teams that will come to work with us. Please pray for these teams as they prepare to come. Pray for us as we are making arrangements for their stay and planning their work. Please also continue to pray for us as we continue to look for a house on land where we can build a house in which we can host our mission teams.

We love all of you,
and we wish God's blessing this Christmas for you and your families.

In His service always,

Carlos, Heidi, Charles, Danny and Allyson