

Agradecimiento

(Thankfulness)

Six years ago, a simple Christmas tradition was started. An idea to have a Christmas party for the children at the relief center turned into an event that the Lord has been using to spread His Word and expand His Kingdom. Through your support (financially and **prayerfully**), we were able to buy a special gift for each of our children (53 of them!) and for each of our teens (17). We were able to buy Christmas decorations and delicious food to really make it memorable. The whole family is invited next week to see what the children have learned over the past year and to enjoy QUALITY family time. Our main focus is not how the program is set up, but the message of Jesus Christ that is shared during that night. I really am in awe of how God has blessed our time and cannot wait to see how Saturday, December 7th, turns out! I will not lie, we have been through some discouraging situations, we are extremely tired, and we have gotten frustrated with one another. However, I am praising God for His grace and mercy as He uses His Spirit to convict and comfort us as we fight to keep our focus on Him. As much as I miss you all and the comforts of home (like special Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts), I have been overjoyed to be a part of this ministry and seeing the Lord work in ways I never imagined. I cannot express how grateful I am to the Lord for each of you. As Paul said in Philipppians, the work that is being done is being credited to your account. Thank you all so very much!

One of the children that is being ministered to through this special time is Raissa. She is 9 years old, in third grade, and super smart! She loves to hang out with her friends and play. She goes to a universal church with her grandparents that she lives with. Her parents divorced and each remarried. Her mom gave birth to a set of twins and Raissa never considered them her brothers. I have had the opportunity to disciple this precious gem and through our time together, Raissa has been learning what God's love looks like. The Lord is changing her heart towards her brothers and is learning to love them. Please pray that she would enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and be a light to all she comes in contact with!



Prayer requests:

1. Please be praying for our Christmas banquet/party! There will be over 200 people who will be hearing of the Gospel!
2. Please pray for Raissa
3. Please continue to pray for our interns as they are preparing to finish this year and go home for Christmas break. Please pray they will come back next year with renewed strength!
4. Please pray for our coordinator Ellis. Her father has been in the hospital with cancer and not doing well at all. Please pray he would come to know Christ!
5. Please pray for me as I continue to lead the interns, disciple Raissa, and work alongside of Ellis.

I cannot express the amount of appreciation I have for you all. Your example of faithfulness and love for the Lord is truly overwhelming! Thank you!