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Children's Ministry on the 3rd floor of our Church. The children from El Centro gather here as they do not live in a Barrio or Community. And this is Albertito. He posed the question mentioned at the end of this mission letter ...

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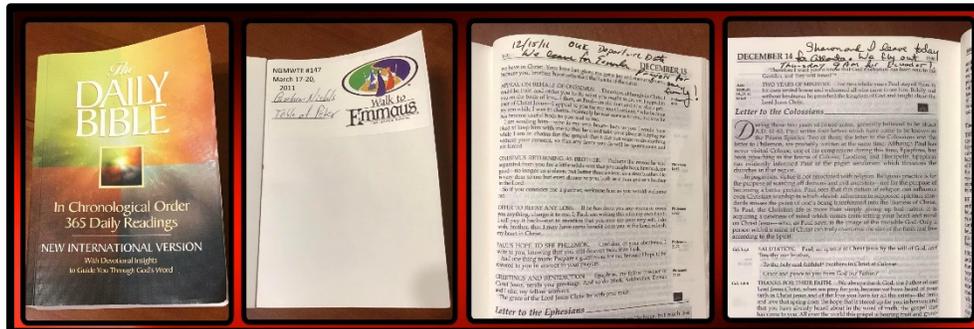
John 12:46 "I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness." ~Jesus

Saludos friends, family, and church families,

Grace and peace to you in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We pray this mission letter finds you well, full of hope, and filled with His Goodness. To God be the Glory!

Mission News for December ... dear people of our hearts we have had the busiest, fullest, most wonderfully blessed December. Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and people like many of you we could not even begin to be here, serving Jesus by serving all the children and their families whom He has added to our fold. Praise and Worship in the Church building continued throughout December for the adults. Children's Sunday School continued on ZOOM for week #83. Never could we have imagined that 21 months after our Pandemic quarantine restrictions were put into action that we'd still be connecting over the internet for Children's Sunday School. We're hoping that the new Omicron variant does not delay all ages returning to the Church building for Sunday School and Praise and Worship on Sunday, January 2. The Gov continues vaccinating 1000's daily and soon to start administering the Booster. Before this new health concern we were taking big steps in getting past this Country's Covid crisis. God willing we'll keep moving forward. Every day we give thanks to God for His Promise to always be with us. A Promise we hold on to dearly.

Saturday Children's Ministry also continued throughout December in the 4 Sectors we serve. And again in December 100's of parents were grateful to tears for the additional food for their children and families. The Food Kit items are not only filling empty tummies but are filling hearts with the love of God through others. You are changing the lives daily of 100's of children in need and their families. They are witnessing the love of Jesus in their midst. God bless you for being His hands and feet. For being part of the Mission of Jesus in this place. For loving God and loving others, and not just the others you know and love. Thank you for being a faithful blessing to so many. We love you, forever! The following will tell a little more of our **December Story**. We 'get to' be here, ALL the Glory goes to the ONE Who sent us.



The Daily Bible—Daily Readings that was given to Graham when on his Walk to Emmaus in 2011. He noted the pages for December 14 and December 15, 2011. December 15, 2021 marked 10 years for us living and serving in Ecuador; at times it seems like yesterday, some days like forever. Thank you again for your heart for Jesus and His Mission, for your love, your prayers, and your support. We are in the place we were created to be.

Food Kit Deliveries in the 4 Sectors we serve – Barrio San Sebastián, Barrio Nazareth, El Centro and Los Montoneros. All gather in the Community Salas in their Barrios except for the children from El Centro. They don't live in a specific Community but in every direction of Santo Domingo. And so for their deliveries we gathered to meet with them in the Church building. All these children are also part of Sunday School on ZOOM and will be in the Church for Sunday School and Worship the first Sunday in January. They are also part of Saturday Community Ministries.



Barrio San Sebastián



Barrio Nazareth



Christmas – Pandemic Recovery Food Kits + Health Kits + Disinfectant Items, Memory Bible Verse Salt Items-Food Bags, SS ZOOM Perfect Attendance 'Well Done' Awards, December Birthday Celebrations, and a Christmas Candy Bag. Candy Bags were given in the Sectors and a larger one with the Kit deliveries. The only Christmas Present for many this year. And being gifted with the funds to buy extra, they each received 2. As a bonus, the Distributor added laundry baskets to the Kits. Never have we seen children so thrilled as to have their own personal dirty clothes basket. Grateful for many giving hearts.



El Centro



Los Montoneros



Sunday's 80, 81, 82 and 83 we connected on ZOOM for Children's Sunday School. After Praise and Worship in the Church Building with the adults we rushed back home each Sunday to be ready to connect online with our children. We always signed on to at least 70 waiting for us to open the Sala to the ZOOM gathering. We averaged 90 children each Sunday, those who could connect and are accessible to internet. A JOY this bunch was as we made our way to Bethlehem this Advent Season.



Dime la Historia de Cristo
 Dime la historia de Cristo, en ella me gozo yo
 Cada palabra de vida, mi corazón guardará
 Ángeles cantar en coro, porque ya el niño nació
 Gloria a Dios en lo alto, los buenos nuevos nos dio
 Dime la historia de Cristo, en ella me gozo yo
 Cada palabra de vida, mi corazón guardará
 Dime de la cruz la historia, y por qué fue que Él murió
 Del sufrimiento de Cristo, y cómo resucitó
 De amor perfecto es la historia, que a mi vida transformó
 Su sangre me ha limpiado, ohnora por Él solve soy
 Dime la historia de Cristo, en ella me gozo yo
 Cada palabra de vida, mi corazón guardará.



"Porque de tal manera
 amó Dios al mundo, que
 ha dado a su Hijo
 unigénito para que todo
 aquel que en él cree no
 se pierda mas tenga
 vida eterna." Juan 3:16



Oh, Gloria Al Rey
 Oh, Gloria Al Rey precioso Señor
 a Ti mi canción es grande en amor
 Escudo Tú eres Señor Eterno
 Sienten mi vida en Tus brazos estoy.
 Grande es el poder, es lo que hay en Ti
 Tú monto de luz me cubre a mi
 Tus alas me llevan a la eternidad
 camino seguro pues Tú aquí estás.
 Amigo Tú eres, y Dios paternal
 de los pequeñitos que aprenda a andar
 Tú amor nos sostiene en debilidad
 pues eres Dios fuerte y mi Salvador.



La Oración del Señor
 Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
 Santificado sea tu Nombre,
 Venge tu reino, Hágase tu voluntad,
 en la tierra como en el cielo.
 Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
 Y perdónanos nuestras ofensas,
 como también nosotros
 perdónamos a los que nos ofenden.
 Y no nos metas en tentación,
 más líbranos del mal; porque
 tuyo es el reino, y el poder,
 y la gloria, por todos los siglos
 de los siglos. Amén.



¿Qué Niño Es Este?
 ¿Qué niño es este durmiendo en el regazo de María?
 Con ella vive con celestial armonía extraña.
 *Coro
 "Es Cristo el Salvador, los pastores le alaban con dulce voz.
 "Miranse tras él al bebé hijo de María.
 En un pesebre Él nació, entre bueyes y asnos desolado.
 ¿Qué nos trajo la salvación, el verbo se encarnó."
 *Coro
 Tened regalias y ofrendas, incienso, mirra y oro al Él.
 Al Rey de reyes y Redentor ofréndale tu coronado.
 *Coro



"Estas cosas les he
 hablado para que mi
 gozo esté en ustedes y
 su gozo sea completo."
 Juan 15:11



Venid, Fielos Todos
 Venid fieles todos a Belén marchemos
 Con gozo triunfantes, venid y adorad
 Contémprenos al Rey de los Cielos
 *Coro
 *Venid y adoremos, Venid y adoremos
 *Venid y adoremos, A Cristo el Señor
 El hijo eterno del eterno Padre
 y Dios verdadero que al mundo creó
 Venid fieles todos adoración nos trae.
 *Coro
 Canten con gozo como celestiales
 Resuñen los cuernos en su adoración
 Gloria a Cristo, gloria en las alturas
 *Coro



La Oración del Señor
 Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
 Santificado sea tu Nombre,
 Venge tu reino, Hágase tu voluntad,
 en la tierra como en el cielo.
 Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
 Y perdónanos nuestras ofensas,
 como también nosotros
 perdónamos a los que nos ofenden.
 Y no nos metas en tentación,
 más líbranos del mal; porque
 tuyo es el reino, y el poder,
 y la gloria, por todos los siglos
 de los siglos. Amén.



Sunday School Music for December

December ~ ADVENT ~ CHRISTMAS

AMOR ~ Juan 3:16 – LOVE ~ John 3:16
 GOZO ~ Juan 15:13 – JOY ~ John 15:11
 PAZ ~ Romanos 15:13 – Romans 15:13
 CRISTO ~ Juan 8:12 – Christ ~ John 8:12

Dime la Historia de Cristo ~ Tell me the Story of Jesus
 Oh, Gloria Al Rey ~ O, Worship the King
 Que Niño es Este? ~ What Child is This?
 La Primera Navidad ~ The First Noel
 Venid, Fieles Todos ~ Oh Come All Ye Faithful
 Al Mundo Paz ~ Joy to the World



La Primera Navidad
 La Primera Navidad el Cielo se llenó,
 Ángeles van cantando a una voz,
 Los Pastores en el campo cuidando su grey
 Escuchando las nuevas de Cristo El Rey.
 *CORO
 *Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
 *Hoy Ha Nacido El Rey de Israel.
 Los Pastores al oír vieron a ver
 una estrella brillante sobre Belén,
 Y corrieron a encontrar al Niño Jesús
 Resplandeciendo estaba en aquella Gran Luz.
 *CORO //
 Hoy Ha Nacido El Rey de Israel.

"Que el Dios de esperanza
 los llene de todo gozo y
 paz en el creer, para que
 abunden en la esperanza
 por el poder del Espíritu
 Santo." Romanos 15:13



Venid, Fieles Todos
 Venid fieles todos a Belén marchemos
 Con gozo y alegría, venid y adorar
 Contemplaremos al Rey de los cielos
 *Coro
 *Venid y adoraos, Venid y adoraos
 *Venid y adoraos, A Cristo el Señor
 El Hijo eterno del eterno Padre
 Y Dios verdadero que al mundo creó
 Verbo hecho carne salvación nos trae
 *Coro
 Canten con gozo como salvadores
 Responda las voces con su adoración
 Gloria a Cristo, gloria en los cielos
 *Coro

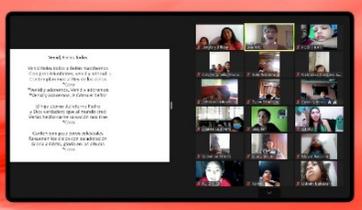


Al Mundo Paz
 Al mundo paz nació Jesús,
 (Nació en Belén)
 // El corazón ya tiene luz //
 // Y paz, y paz su Santa Grey //
 Al mundo paz, el Salvador,
 // Tu Tarea cumplida //
 // Yo es feliz el pecador //
 // Jesús, perdón le da //
 // Jesús, Jesús perdón le da.
 Al mundo el gobernará
 Con gracia y con poder,
 // A las naciones mostrará //
 // Su amor, su amor y su poder //
 Su amor, su amor y su poder.



"Jesús les habló —Yo soy
 la luz del mundo. El que
 me sigue nunca andará en
 tinieblas sino que tendrá
 la luz de la vida."
 Juan 8:12

CRISTO ~ Christ



La Creación del Señor
 Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
 Sea Filioado sea tu Nombre,
 Venge tu reino, haznos tu voluntad
 en la tierra como en el cielo
 Dónese hoy nuestro pan de cada día
 Y perdónanos nuestras ofensas,
 como también nosotros
 perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
 Y no nos metas en tentación
 más libéranos del mal; porque
 tuyo es el reino, y el poder,
 y la gloria, por todos los siglos
 de los siglos. Amén.

Saturday Morning Children's Ministry in the 4 Sectors we serve; El Centro, Barrio Nazareth, Los Montoneros and Barrio San Sebastián. December Lesson Theme ~ Christ, The Light of the World ~ John 8:12. In each Sector together we prayed, sang, professed our faith, learned more about Jesus, participated in a lesson-themed coloring contest, snacked on ham and cheese sandwiches with juice, recognized the coloring contest winners and those with December birthdays.

El Centro



Barrio Nazareth





Every child on these Saturdays beamed with JOY as we gathered to celebrate Jesus. They sang beautifully to Heaven. Soo tickled to get their extra Candy Bag that they were not expecting, and those ham and cheese sandwiches; some children ate 3 and 4 whole sandwiches, most ate 2. 2 Sectors surprised the children with decorated Salas and cake. Parents were asked to save their pennies to donate .50 to help cover the costs of balloons and cake ingredients. They decorated the Community Salas beautifully to celebrate Jesus' Birthday. We wish you all could hear these children pray; giving thanks to God for His Provision through those who have blessed each one wonderfully in December, and all the months prior. Every child in every Sector left with a full heart, a full tummy, and a big smile on their face. And the mami's looking on—thankful tears filled their eyes.



Barrio San Sebastián



December Memory Bible Verses. During the month we checked in on every Sector and heard from those who perfectly learned the Bible Verses for the month; John 3:16-17. Of all those who participated 73 children came to share God's Word with us clearly and beautifully. They're always so excited to share with us what they've worked so hard to not only learn verbatim, but His Word that they've now stored in their hearts.



"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16-17

What's next for us in 2022 ... with the process of more and more younger children being vaccinated and the Booster becoming available soon we daily give extra thanks to God! Many families are continuing with day to day Pandemic recovery after over a year of no steady work. Slowly, but thanks be to God recovery is underway! As each family goes through their specific recovery process our hope is to continue providing the Food Kits for our children and their families through March 2022. With the new variant lurking we pray that this Country doesn't take steps backwards in this process. We are looking to God for ALL things and are hopeful that the light at the end of this long Pandemic recovery tunnel will get brighter and brighter throughout the coming New Year.

We've asked every month, for 21 months, for help with feeding the children and families God has added to our fold. Many have been so faithful to give. We're sorry, but for now we need to keep asking, as the need is still great among us. It takes an extra \$3500. each month to keep our children and their families from going hungry. This Pandemic changed so many lives, but in their healing process they are learning to give thanks to God for all things, in all times, in the good and in the hard. They see and feel His love through others, they don't feel abandoned. Pray with us please dear people of our hearts for God's continued Provision, so we, you all and us, can feed His sheep spiritually and physically. We are so grateful for ALL of you; Churches, Families, Couples, Individuals who have helped feed our children and their families over the past 21+ months. Again, there are no words good enough to tell you how grateful we all are. We live here, in the place God created us to be, and we see up close every day the needs of the people we serve. You humble us by your love for Jesus and for His people; most of whom you will never meet this side of Heaven. You are Kingdom people, and we thank God every day for you and ask Him to bless you all a hundredfold.

And so dear people of God ... We keep praising HIM daily from Whom ALL blessings flow. We are so incredibly grateful for the support we have received and continue to receive in prayers and financial blessings which helps greatly to keep us going in the direction God is moving in many lives here, including ours. We are so thankful for your hearts for Jesus and His Mission! Please pray with us for God's continued favor, guidance, and provision. **God bless the faithful** who have kept us going and continue to be blessings in our lives and in the lives of those we are called to serve and love into the Kingdom, together. Thank you!! †

Yours in Christ,

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Nichols and Click Give (then add your Banking info)



During Children's Ministry one Saturday morning in December while the children were participating in the Coloring Competition a 5 year-old working on his coloring sheet asked, (translated) "What color pencil is skin color?"

He's a rather loud 5 year-old and the whole room stopped what they were doing, turned, and looked. Those of us nearby placed our hands on the table. "Any of these will do we said, plus shades lighter, shades darker, and all the shades in between." "God likes colors, all colors." They all smiled really BIG, as there were about 40 different skin colors among us all. None of us exactly the same, but He loves us all the same. The ground is level at the foot of the Cross. Happy New Year! May God pour out His Blessings on you all. †