

December 2011

Dear friends and family;

We wish you a very special Christmas season with family and friends! A theme that continues to pervade our Christmas practices, meetings and main program this year was inspired by a song in Spanish, called 'No Había Lugar' (There Was No Room). There was no room in Bethlehem for Jesus to be born that day. In the middle of activities & meetings galore, preparations, shopping and fun special times, is there room for Him in our lives?

December is the 'slide' month for us here. The first few days the month (and year) suddenly picks up speed ...and goes faster and faster as Christmas nears. Ruth especially has been very busy on both churches since last month. This past Thursday felt like a breath of fresh air in the middle of the Christmas rush. It was a holiday here in Peru and we took most of the day off. We put our tree up, had friends over and then went out for a walk with them and Rosie (our dog).

Christmas activities this year have included a special Kid's Club in our José Olaya church the first Saturday of December. A good group of enthusiastic kids listened real quietly as Rosita (a young lady from our main church) acted out the life of a girl and Jesus (Shirley) kept knocking at the door, being ignored. Games, a craft and snack time finished off the afternoon. Then Ladies Meeting followed for Ruth. We had a great time several months ago at a Face Mask party. That was complete with healthy juices and snacks. Benches were put together with pillows for those that wanted to lie down. Sonia (from our main church) came that day and shared Christ with them. Every time we have a special party time, different ones sometimes come to our regular Bible study.



The past couple of weeks Ladies. We have been in relationship to hexes, etc.

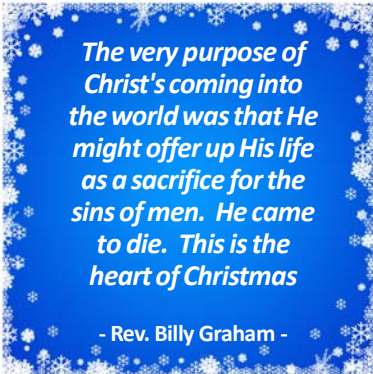
This Saturday we are having a Christmas supper together. We pray for personal growth, for others to come to Christ, and that we can really relate as a family of God. One neighbor lady is coming and is very interested spiritually.

This past Wednesday we hosted a Christmas supper for the group of Seniors (main church). One older man is a chef and he was in his element, cooking the meal for everyone. We sang and then listened to a message, as well as played a game that was supposed to be a Bingo review ...instead of numbers, somebody was going to ask questions related to the theme that we have been studying with one word answers on individual bingo cards. Well, the internet is just great, but just the morning when we were putting the last pieces together, it wouldn't work. So we did the game differently; same questions with a multilayered 'gift' game. It was really good to hear some of their answers ...confident (& knowledgeable) of their faith in Christ.



Kid's Club game with two pairs of Dennis's size 12 shoes





On December 18th, we are having our Christmas service in José Olaya. The older kids are practicing their songs and others (adults, young people & kids) are rehearsing a 3-part skit. Again, we pray for people to understand God's message and give their lives to Him, and for the believers to be strengthened in their walk with Christ. Our Christmas service in Umacollo is on the 24th in the evening. And we are busy practicing and getting the logistics together, which means buying material, sewing a stage curtain and also getting some costumes sown. So, lots of activities and lots of work, but we pray that God may be glorified & His body more unified!

Flor & Dennis continue to lead a Youth night every 2 weeks in José Olaya. They are organizing a special Christmas Youth night this coming Friday.



Christmas is also a time for family. This time our daughter Becky and her special friend Kyle are coming to spend Christmas here with us! They arrive on the 15th and, needless to say, we are excited!

Another exciting piece of news that we have to share with you is that our son Derek and Melissa are officially engaged!! They are planning to marry this coming July!!

Derek & Melissa



We are grateful for your friendship! *And thanks each one who prays for us and for those of you who support us financially!*

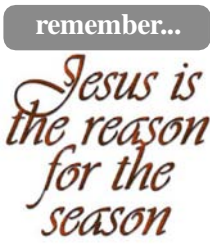
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With love,

In Christ Jesus our Lord,

Dennis & Ruth

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