

AMBASSADORS for JESUS CHRIST

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“Now then we are Ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; We pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.”

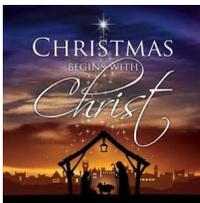
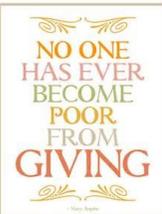
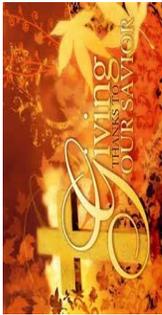
II Corinthians 5:20

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We are excited to be in the midst of this holiday season with gratitude in our hearts for yet another year. It seems 2015 just began when all of the sudden, it is soon to be gone. We are grateful for the many challenges and the many blessings this year has brought, and is still bringing. We recently had the opportunity to host our Pastoral-Care couple from CTEN (Commission To Every Nation), David and Janice Ewing. They come periodically from the CTEN home office in Kerrville, Tx. to visit CTEN missionaries in Guatemala. Having been missionaries in Guatemala, they understand many of our needs and simply love on us! We are grateful for the support we feel from our mission-sending organization, from our supporters and from our friends and family. We recently read our 1995 journal written when this whole journey first started, some twenty years ago. It was a great reminder of how God works in our lives. He left no room for us to doubt He wanted us serving Him in Guatemala.



Thanks to our supporters (individuals and churches alike), this year we were able to make room-additions for needy families who live in humble corrugated-tin homes, sponsor a number of impoverished children in their education, supply medicine for a young man who has seizures, run four Bible Studies each week, celebrate various group events throughout the year, help a couple with two young children get married and host various houseguests. Recently, we were able to arrange surgery by a private surgeon on 11 year old, Mario David. David has been part of the Children’s Bible Study since he was wee little. His single-parent mother travels from afar to be here every week with her three children who were abandoned by their father. David broke his arm over a year ago. As a result of two botched surgeries by the national hospital, not only was his arm *not* healing, but it had developed a bad infection. The surgeon (a specialist) offered his services at no cost. He removed the poorly installed titanium plate and is treating the infection. Thanks to generous donors, we were able to cover the cost of the hospital and the anesthesiologist. *We are in need of additional support for David.* He still has a long road ahead of him with medical appointments, medicines and x-rays. We are hopeful to avoid another surgery. We ask you to pray for his bones to fuse. Like every boy his age, he is energetic and wants to play soccer again. Despite this being his writing hand, David passed his school tests orally when the school year ended in October.



(David on the left).

Like you, we are in the midst of our end-of-the-year activities. We close the year off with a Christmas party in each of our groups. It is also a time we get together with friends we don’t see throughout the year. We hope you are doing the same. Reflecting on 2015, we are humbled as we contemplate what the Lord has accomplished through those who are a part of this ministry. Thank you for partnering with us, whatever way that may be.

To God be the glory!



We recently celebrated the children's teacher's birthday AND her 13 year anniversary working in this ministry. She drives from Guatemala City up through the mountains to San Lucas to teach the children every Thursday. We praised her for the Character Qualities of **ALERTNESS** and **TOLERANCE**, which she demonstrates on a regular basis. An x-alumni, Roxana, taught her class that day. She and the children made a "little" colorful card for Gloria to take home (*pictured here*). After lunch, each mom expressed her gratitude and the children blessed her with songs and hugs. *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* Matthew 19:14

We thank each and every person who has partnered with us in this ministry. We are grateful for your financial support, prayers and/or words of encouragement. A special "thanks" to those who have donated to our car fund. We are still falling short, but we are diligently looking with what we have in the fund. It is no easy process to purchase a decent car here, so we do it as least often as possible. If you have not yet partnered with us financially and are interested in doing so, there is still need for monthly living expenses, special needs or projects and, of course, the car fund. There is no greater feeling to us than when we have been able to meet someone else's need. We pray it is the same for you. We appreciate those who give and understand not everyone is called to do so. God is ultimately our provider, using His people to accomplish His purposes.



Merry **CHRISTMAS** AND **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. "

Hebrews 10:25-26



"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. "

Isaiah 9:6

Taxes! Each year many folks are looking to give end-of-year gifts as a possible way to help reduce their tax liability. If you are one of those folks, here are some things to keep in mind. Contributions mailed to CTEN must be postmarked no later than December 31st. Online credit card donations must be posted through the CTEN website no later than December 31st. CTEN is also able to receive contributions of stocks, bonds and mutual funds, which are then sold and the proceeds provided to the missionaries. Remember that any year-end gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds must be received in CTEN's brokerage account by December 31st. Call 800-872-5404 for more information.

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800-872-5404

Checks should have a note attached with our name on it.