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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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2016

started out with a BANG! Fireworks are quite common in a Latin country and New Year's Eve is no exception. We started the year in fast pace and haven't slowed down yet. After many preparations and changes, we reconvened our weekly Bible Studies the second week of January. The theme for 2016 is:

TRANSFORMATION.

As the caterpillar is transformed into a beautiful butterfly, may we also be transformed into the likeness of Christ. "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being **transformed** into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." 2 Cor. 3:18



Our home has been like grand central station since the beginning of the year with workers of various sorts coming and going. We dedicated time in January to enhancing our playground for the children. The wooden teeter-totter we made years ago had rotted. We had an iron pole that we had obtained quite some time ago. With a little creativity, the iron worker made it into a safer teeter-totter. To our surprise, he brought it already painted in the North American patriotic colors; red, white and blue! In addition, we had a "Little Tikes" plastic playground donated to us for the little ones. January is also a busy month because of the educational scholarship funds we disburse for those who qualify. The new school year commenced in January. It is quite a hardship for needy families to purchase the school supplies. We believe one of the best ways to break the cycle of poverty is through education. Most of the kids

It seems the only thing constant in life is...change. We recognized and expressed our gratitude to Eufy recently. She worked in this ministry with us for twelve years, nine of which she was one of the leaders of the Lady's Bible Study. She also spent three years working with the Señoritas Group. For personal reasons, she and her family have moved away. We are not only grateful for her service, but for the many years of fond memories we made together in the process.



we have sponsored are now more educated than their parents.



LOVE

"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."

John 3:16

December

found us bringing our four Bible Studies to a close for 2015. We served everything from tamales to hamburgers. We joyfully gave out around a hundred small gifts to children and adults alike. It is always an exhausting, but exhilarating time of year. We spent the rest of December getting together with people we don't get to see through the course of the year. Lisa hosted some luncheons and we had a number of visitors drop-by. Christmas is such a fun time of year.



↑ *Lady's & Children's Bible Study*

The Señorita Group performed a drama →



The Men's Group enjoyed horseshoes, croquet and a heated game of volleyball before chowing down their hearty hamburgers followed by a spiritual message. ↘

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