

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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HAPPY NEW YEAR.....2015 IS HERE

By the time you are reading this, we will likely be close to finishing the first month of the new year. It is amazing to see how quickly time goes by. Our last months of 2014 were packed full with visitors and events. Along with hosting a retreat for the English speaking Bible Study Lisa attends, we also hosted the Founder of CTEN (Commission to Every Nation) Pastor Rick Malm and his wife, Jana, along with some friends of theirs. It was great to get some one-on-one time together!



Left: Pastor Rick Malm and wife, Jana.

Below: Lady’s English-speaking Bible Study retreat



Two days later, we hosted a gala event for the new Señorita Group. This was the end of their first full year together. The girls worked hard throughout the year on many crafts, cooking, sewing and the likes. They



had an exposition table set up displaying many of their handmade projects.

Each one stood up and expounded on the Biblical principles they had learned in 2014. It was fun to watch them interact and see how they have bonded. Eufy is the leader of this group and has done a great job working with them. Art’s Men’s Group was not about to be out-done! Two days after the last lady’s event, they had quite a shin-dig. Two groups came together and had a blast! They played croquet, ping-pong, horseshoes and a heated game of volleyball. Most of them had never played any of those games. Their ages ranged from 15 to 82! Some are highly educated professionals and some are with little to no education. Nothing divided their interaction and fun together. With help from two of the ladies, they BBQ’d steaks and were served a hearty plate of food.

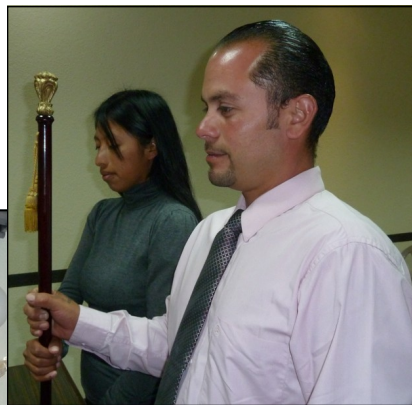
We also hosted four Christmas Parties for the various Bible Studies we have at our home throughout the year. We first celebrated the Children’s Bible Study. We were able to give a wrapped gift to each child attending (about 30). For many, it was the ONLY Christmas present they would receive. The following week, we celebrated the Lady’s Bible Study Christmas Party with the typical Christmas meal of tamales and hot fruit punch. Again, each one of the ladies received a gift. Since they are studying the Character Quality of “creativity”, the ladies hand-made their gifts for the annual gift-exchange.



The fun events in December were preceded by a series of events in the Lady's Bible Study in November, only one of which was a birthday party for our grandson, Bret Jr. Since he was turning 10 on Bible Study Thursday, all his friends were already here. We made a memorable event out of it and celebrated all of the November birthdays. November also found us sponsoring a wedding. The new husband attends the Men's Bible Study and the new wife attends the Lady's Bible Study. We had the privilege of being their legal witnesses for the civil wedding at the Mayor's office. Their three children now have married parents. The ladies threw a Bridal Shower for the new bride.



Grandsons, Diego & Bret Jr.



We enjoyed getting together with a number of friends during the holiday season, people we don't get to spend time with throughout the year. The week prior to Christmas, Art was able to make a trip to his hometown of Porterville, Ca. to be at the annual Camarena Christmas Party (we are not often able to attend). This year the eleven remaining brothers and sisters, along with their families, honored Uncle Victor and Aunt Juanita, who celebrated 60 years of marriage last year. It was a quick 5-day trip, but he was grateful for the opportunity to be with his family for this special event. (unfortunately, his oldest sister, Rachel, was ill and unable to attend)



After all our holiday activities, we were able to escape for a few days to bring in the New Year with good friends in our neighboring country, El Salvador. We enjoyed time with the Ascencio family and got some much needed rest. We pray you are off to a great 2015. May it bring us blessings in abundance!

(Our hats say, "Happy New Year")



PRAISE AND PRAYER

- We continue to **pray** for the funds to attend an orientation with CTEN (Commission To Every Nation) in Kerrville, TX. We are planning to attend the conference in March. We are praying for enough to cover our travel expenses.
- We are also **praying** for the ability to replace our old vehicle. **Praise** God, the car-fund is growing and we are looking. We still are falling short of what we need. If you would like to participate in that specific need, please indicate as such when giving. Send us an email informing us your gift is for the car fund. We are very grateful to those participating.
- We are **praying** for monthly financial support to fund the additional new branches of the ministry. Along with the new Señorita Group, we are also forming a group for the young men. Guidance is vital during the most vulnerable years of their youth.

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