

The Spear Family

Nov-Dec 2020

¡Felicidades! Merry Christmas from the island. The season that is filled with families, traveling parties (parrandas) and fireworks every weekend will look a little different this year thanks to COVID, but we are grateful we can still celebrate the true meaning of Christmas– the Gospel of Christ the Savior– with our church and community.

In the middle of all our new restrictions, **God has sent us another new family.** Jennifer and her two daughters came after watching several Christian movies made by Baptist churches- that is a first for me! **Pray for her father, Bienvenido, as he is beginning chemo in December, and that her husband Miguel will come to church.** We have also seen several return visitors over the month of November and December. **Rosa** visited after passing the sign many times while thinking about going to a new church. She is a spirited senior saint who knows how to praise Jesus. **Nancy** also returned for a second time after receiving a hand-written invitation. Kristen met her in Walmart (back when you could talk to people in stores without distancing). We are excited at the potential in each person and praying for more. On the other hand, **please be in prayer for Alfredo. It appears he has been visiting a cult in our area** and will no longer speak with me while at the same time accepting all their teachings as true.

We had a wonderful **Thanksgiving service** including a special song, many great testimonies and lots of desserts. We will do something similar for Christmas but “to-go” due to new restrictions. We have been able to make some personal visits to some of our families’ homes over the last month with the goal of helping them understand more about our church and vision for the future. **We hope these visits will help solidify their desire to be members of the church next year.**

We want to thank you all for your prayers and support as well as your generous Christmas offerings. They have met many needs and some wants. We pray you have a wonderful celebration of Christ’s birth and a safe and joyful season with your families and churches!

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