

Merry Christmas

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*Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign;
Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and
shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14*

Dear Friends

Christmas is almost here! Along with Christians, and even those who don't know Jesus, we will celebrate the birth of our Saviour. What an incredible time of remembering how God Himself stepped into human history, coming to earth as a newborn baby. We remember not just His birth, but also Jesus' life and sacrifice for each of us. Our Christmas celebration will begin with a Christmas Eve service at church, then family together afterwards. On Christmas Day we will get together for dinner at David and Katrina's home with Christy and Christian, David, Katrina, Alex and Caitlyn, and Gary's mom. Christmas is a remembrance of Jesus' birth, a celebration of God's goodness today and a look forward to our future with Him in eternity.

At the end of September Gary had the privilege of travelling to Cuba to attend the 90th Anniversary of Los Pinos Nuevos, denomination and seminary. An absolutely incredible blessing as we celebrated all that God has done in those 90 years and what He is doing today in Cuba. We sang, choirs sang to us and the Lord, there were sermons and teaching and time to talk with friends. It was a reminder that God is doing great things in Cuba. There were 21 graduating students from the Los Pinos Nuevos bachelor's degree program who received their degrees the first evening of the anniversary celebrations. That's 21 people who are in full time ministry! In a place with many hardships, Cuban Christians continue to proclaim Jesus' love to their nation. They are doing a great job of it, sharing Christ much more openly than most Canadians or Americans do as they talk with their friends. *Please continue to pray for Christians in Cuba, asking the Lord to give them boldness to share their faith and to watch over them and their families.*



Los Pinos Nuevos 90th Anniversary Celebration



Game night with seminary staff and their children

At the beginning of November Gary was back in Cuba, back at the Los Pinos Nuevos Seminary, this time with a ministry team from Journey of Faith church in California. As usual an outstanding team. A lack of cement throughout Cuba kept the men in the team from doing some of the planned work, but the women completed all their painting projects. In the evenings we took part in church services and one evening took part in the seminary students weekly service. Gary had the privilege of speaking 5 times during the week in Cuba. The teams from Journey of Faith always spend a great deal of time with the seminary staff and students. Instead of special meals cooked for them, they take meals with students and staff and eat the same

meagre meals as everyone else at the seminary. Team members pitch in to do anything that is needed and are a real blessing at the seminary. *Pray that this team's example of being a servant will continue to impact those at the Los Pinos Nuevos Seminary.*

On the way home from Cuba Gary made a small detour to attend the missions conference at Lakes Bible Church in Walled Lake, Michigan. It was a great time with a really mission minded church. Gary attended two church dinners and preached three times at the conference. He had a wonderful time with Pastor Don and his wife Ann, and made plans for a church mission team to visit Cuba in April. Gary has been at the church several times over the past 20 years and always looks forward to visits to this church.



For over a year we have been asking you to pray that a visa would be issued so that Lindy and Trisha would be able to minister in Trinidad and Tobago. Their visa has just been approved. They plan to be in Trinidad at the beginning of February. *Praise God for answered prayer. Please ask the Lord to bring others to join Lindy and Trisha in this ministry.*

Another ongoing prayer request has been for teammates for Kamron and Janet in Manaus, Brazil. World Team has just approved a couple to join them in Manaus. *Pray for Jordan and Scarlet as they begin raising support so they can join the Manaus team.*

In the middle of January we will be travelling to Orlando for our annual World Team Americas Area team leaders meeting. This is a time for training, talking about ministry, working together on important issues which affect all our missionaries and their ministries. Past Americas Area Director Karry Kelley will be teaching on the first steps in church planting. We will talk about single missionaries on teams and how to help in the process of finding the many new missionaries we need in our Americas Area, plus several more topics. As always, we will pray for one another in small and large groups. *Would you please pray as we work out the meeting logistics and as those who will be speaking prepare for the meetings.*

We thank the Lord for his blessings this year. Our family are all well, all living for Jesus. Christy has new lungs and David and Katrina have a new baby daughter, a sister for Alex.. The Lord is so good to us. Join us in praising Him!

Thank you for your prayers for us, for our World Team missionaries and our brothers and sisters in Cuba. We are so thankful for your partnership in ministry with us. We truly appreciate you. We pray you will have a wonderful Christmas, celebrating Jesus' birth with family and friends.

In Jesus' love,
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