

The Winter Family

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Dear Friends in Christ,

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I trust you all had a very Merry Christmas, and a great beginning to 2018! Thank you so much for your faithful support and prayers, and to those who sent a special Christmas gift!

Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

1Corinthians 15:34

Camargo: The Bible Baptist Church continues to see people saved as we knock doors twice a week. Rarely a week goes by, that someone doesn't make a profession of faith in Christ. We pray for discernment that we don't just get people repeating some empty words that they don't understand, but still can't get people to come to a service after having "called on the Lord".

Four years ago, Naomi, the 14 year old daughter of one of our most faithful families, assured me that she had been saved and baptized in an Independent Baptist Church, along with her dad and older brother. The other day, she finally broke down, admitting that she was not really saved and trusted the Lord as her Saviour! Please pray for our church and teens, as several lack Godly convictions.

We just held our Faith Promise Mission Conference with missionary Jerry Collins. The economy being quite bad, with some of our people out of work, I didn't know what to expect, so we just prayed the church would be obedient, and God glorified. The Faith Promise came in 10% higher than last year, which is significant, because what the church promised last year, they gave! What a blessing!

Christmas & New Year: Mexicans typically celebrate Christmas on the 24th, with a big dinner and whatever else with their families. Of course when Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, they don't come out to the church services, though they claim to understand that it is all about Christ and His birth. Missionary Henry Giesbrecht preached our Watch night service.

Four different families invited me to have Christmas Eve and or Christmas day dinner with them. My assistant, Ismael and his family invited me first, to go with them to Delicias, Chihuahua, to celebrate with his parents, grandma, brother and sister. I have lived in Mexico for some 20 years, but had never actually spent Christmas with a Mexican family. We had their traditional tamales and menudo, (beef tripe soup) or pork (posole) soup and some peanut butter cookies I took. They had a gift exchange, which I wasn't prepared for, though they bought me some small, very thoughtful gifts! Though I knew his parents, and siblings, it was humbling how they included me in all of their family celebrating, making me feel very welcome, in that tiny house!

Family: I had just gotten back from a 2 month furlough in November, so didn't think I should go up to Oklahoma to be with my kids and family for Christmas. It was sure hard being home alone, without any family for the first time since Connie went home to be with the Lord a year ago, September. I would like to have met my 11th grandbaby Addison, by Josh and Kristin, but Bethany is expecting number 12 by the end of January. I couldn't be out over a month right now, so will wait a bit to get to see both new grand girls and I need to report back to more of my supporters.

Praise: Supporters, Special Christmas gifts & celebration; Souls, Naomi saved; Good Faith Promise conference, Grandbaby Addison

Prayer: Souls saved, baptized; Spiritual growth of the Iglesia Bíblica Bautista; Upcoming furlough
In Christ's Service,

Bro. Ron Winter

