



CHRISTMAS 2012

CELEBRATING THE COMING OF THE ONE WHO MADE US IN HIS IMAGE, THE ONE WHO CAME TO REESTABLISH HIS IMAGE IN US.

For all of us who believe Him this is really a celebration of what we celebrate every day of our lives. For the two of us here in Colorado, it is a huge privilege to participate in what God is doing in the rapidly growing Hispanic population in the US. This past year has been one of so many opportunities. When we started here we had no idea of how much there was to learn even though we have lived in Latin America for over 20 years. Even though the Hispanic population is the largest immigrant population in the US, life here is so different from their country of origin. For us to be able to understand the challenges they face in the US makes so much better prepared to relate with people, to come alongside to encourage, teach, and prepare them to prepare others.

To be able to go through this learning process and at the same time have opportunities to make friends, teach, and disciple has made this year super enjoyable. A huge part of the Hispanic world comes from a background of religious tradition that includes very little Bible teaching. There is almost no encouragement to personally get into God's Word to study and read it for one's self. To teach in groups of people that are so hungry for truth is such a great experience. We hear many comments of "It's so clear from the Bible, but I never knew that", and, "If God really says that, then why does that 'religious group' teach something so different". Our common response is that we can really only trust God's viewpoint which He had written out for us in the Bible.

On the family front, we are continually praising God for His abundant grace. We are planning on going to Arizona over Christmas where all of our kids will be with us. At the same time we are helping our daughter move to Tucson from Nebraska. She has a place to live there and better nursing job opportunities in a larger city, not to mention family only two hours away, and her brother 4-5 hours away in Flagstaff.

A huge thanks to all of you that have had an interest in our lives. Thank you for praying for us and for participating with us in this ministry. We are so thankful for a great team of people that have contributed financially to what God is doing through us even in the midst of this national financial crisis. If you would be interested in becoming an addition to that team, please contact us and we will give you more information. You could also write Missions Door at the address below, or go online to www.missionsdoor.org.

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