

The WRITSEL To SPAIN Family

Happy Birthday Elisabeth 12/15



Merry Christmas to All!

December 2024

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

This time of year always brings my salvation into remembrance. Before I was saved, I would sing the Christmas songs with no regard for what they meant. They were beautiful songs and meant Christmas was close by. After I was saved, that first Christmas was the best we ever had in our home. We read about the birth of Christ before opening any presents.

When I sang the songs of Christmas, they began to speak to me in a way I had never heard before. This all happened because of what God did for me when He saved me and gave me a new life with him. Maybe that is you. Maybe you have been singing the songs of Christmas and they are just songs to you. Christ died for all, so that all would have a way to

Heaven. Please, make sure you have a place in Heaven. There is nothing you can do on your own to reach Heaven, Ephesians 2:8-9 explains this, John 14:6 tells us why we can get to Heaven, and Romans 10:9-13 tells us how. Don't let another day pass not knowing for sure you are bound for Heaven. Today can be the day of your salvation. Jesus was born, died, and rose again for everyone. John 3:16 includes you, God is calling, will you answer.

Ministry:

November was busy, busy, busy. We were blessed to host a Thanksgiving dinner in our home. We had 5 church families, our next door neighbor, and our Spanish teacher and her family attend. Brenda used this time to surprise me with an impromptu Birthday surprise party also. It was a night we will never forget. I was able to explain to our teacher's husband more about why God has us in Spain. His wife would translate the things that I did not have words for yet, so it was a blessing to explain it to both of them. My neighbors were also very curious about everything, and were happy to have been invited.

Last month we bought 17 chairs for the church. Two weeks later, they went on sale at Costco. I took my receipt up and asked if we could get the discounted price, They said “OF COURSE!” Wow! So instead of 17 chairs, with the money back and the discount we were able to buy 10 more chairs, 27 chairs total! Huge blessing! We now have the ability to seat up to 70 people in the church.

Brenda was gifted a set of bible story felt by Betty Lukens. She has been teaching the children on Sunday's using this wonderful tool. The children love to see the story come to life. It has been a blessing to them and to Brenda.

Family:

Our family has been so blessed. My children have been working hard on their homeschooling, musical training, and praying about what God has next for them. Andrew graduates in May and is praying about a college to attend. Elisabeth is finishing up her first semester in Romania at the Baptist College International. Lily is doing very well in her junior year of school, already praying about where she will attend college. Andrew and Lily are both praying about a missions trip for their senior trip, please pray with them about this. Spanish training is going slower during this time of year, but still learning something new everyday. Our stateside family is doing well also. Grandchildren are growing like weeds, we enjoy every video call we get. Looking forward to being in the states in May next year. We will be there for the graduation and to visit family.

Special Prayer Request:

We took our survey trip to Leon and will give more details next month, but the final door that needs to be opened is our visas need to be renewed. All is in processing but we will need valid residence cards if God wants us to move. Pray for this to happen before we come back to the states in May.

Blessings:

We met a wonderful family in Leon. They are looking for a Baptist church to serve in. There is also another family that has moved to the area looking for a good church. God is working!

Your missionaries in Spain,

The Writsel Family

GOD IS FAITHFUL, BY WHOM YE WERE CALLED UNTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD (1 CORINTHIANS 1:9).

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