



December 27, 2020

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and memorable Christmas. I was blessed to be able to spend some time in Michigan at the end of November. The time was quite different with all the restrictions. I didn't see many people that weren't my family this trip. I was



able to spend a lot of time with my parents, which was wonderful. It was a special time with my mom making the Thanksgiving meal. It was my parents and I for Thanksgiving dinner and then my sister and her girls came over to play cards



at night. I was blessed to be able to make cookies with my sisters and their children. I also got to see a little bit of snow while I was in Michigan. So pretty!



Four days after returning back to Mexico the children were all sent out to different families for 15 days. I have Cristian for the vacation days. Belen whom I normally have home stayed together and went on a trip together. I miss not having her here for the vacation days. The children in the Casa Cuna were happy to see me back and



asked lots of questions of where I had been and if I had been on an airplane. They were also excited to go out for their vacation days. It's a nice time for them to spend with a family and spend Christmas and New Years with them.



We had a fun time planning a small birthday party for Sophia my granddaughter whose birthday is December 24. We celebrated a couple days early. She stayed overnight and we made Christmas cookies the next day with her, Danny and Cristian.



Christmas Eve our neighbor and Kenia's boyfriend came for supper. Our neighbor's family lives in Guadalajara and he likes to stay home now instead of traveling. So most of the holidays the last couple of years, he has joined our family to celebrate. We had a wonderful supper and fun time playing games. The tradition here is to open presents at midnight. But this year Danny fell asleep so, we waited until Christmas day to open the presents. Christmas day was nice and relaxing. We took a walk with Lexie, had brunch and opened gifts.



One of my favorite times with the boys and Sophia is telling the story of baby Jesus and showing them the nativity scene. I got a play one also so they can play with the figures without worrying that they will break one. That has already happened with my other nativity scene.



January 3 the children will be returning back to the Casa Hogar. We will have another week off of school and then online classes will start again. Tonio and Clara the house parents for the Casa Cuna and their family went to Peru to visit family for a month. We also have another worker who has left the Casa Cuna, so we will be short handed for a few weeks.

The first Sunday back Kenia and I are planning on doing a Christmas party with the children for the Sunday school class. There will be a Piñata, an activity and games and a special lunch with cupcakes for dessert. Each of the workers that work that day picked a couple of the children's names to buy them a gift. We are really looking forward to making the class special for them.

Thank you so much for your support of my missionary work here in Colima. In the next couple of months I will complete 23 years of service here in Mexico. This year has been especially more difficult with the restrictions and quarantine due to Covid. The home I rent is small but seemed even smaller when we couldn't go anywhere besides me for essentials. The Casa Hogar for the first 7 months wanted us to only go to our homes and the Casa Hogar. Thankfully now the restrictions in Colima have lessened and we are able to go to stores as a family if we

chose, wearing a mask, having our temperature taken and stepping on a mat to clean the bottom of our shoes. This is done almost everywhere we go.



Thank you also for all the prayers. They are greatly appreciated!!!

Blessings,

Michelle

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

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