



December 2022 – January 2023

Dear Praying Brethren,

Another year has come and gone, and we are amazed at all the Lord has done during 2022. While the year was filled with many uncertainties and difficulties, it also was filled with amazing answers to prayer and the Lord's continual grace. He answered more prayers than we could count and provided for our needs on every occasion. We cannot praise Him enough for all He has done through His direct providence and your generosity and prayers. Thank you so much for your kindness and faithfulness.

The end of the year was a busy time for the church here in Spain and us. We had the privilege to participate in several ministries and outreaches over the holiday season. Among those opportunities, we were able to go out and place tracts in mailboxes (thankfully legal here), our children took part in the church's Christmas play, and Anna helped set up a holiday dinner at the church. On Christmas day, the church had a booth in town, which was up for the whole day. Different church members took shifts in manning it, handing out tracts, singing, and conversing with people on the street. We handed out small ornaments with scripture verses and holiday-themed tracts, which we helped to get printed. They were well received, with very few people refusing to accept them.

Also, we gave a small gift bag to each of our neighbors in our building, about seven families. The bags had a Christmas tract, a scripture calendar, and a box of cookies that Anna had made. While this is not traditional here, it seemed very appreciated, with one neighbor almost coming to tears. We pray that this small gesture will help us continue building a relationship with our neighbors, and we look forward to what the Lord will do with the seed that was sown.

In January, I had the opportunity to give the "reflexión" for Sunday service. It is a short devotional typically given at the beginning of the meeting. I have preached with a translator in the past, but this was my first time delivering something in Spanish to the church during a Sunday service. I still have a long way to go in my language studies, but it is encouraging to see some progress and to have the chance to minister in Spanish.

During this time, our family has still been fighting various sicknesses. Head colds, the flu, ear infections, strep throat, stomach bugs, and food poisoning are all things we have dealt with over the past few months. The time has been filled with canceled plans, missed appointments, and trips to the doctor. We are blessed that nothing has been severe and that we have access to quality medical care. We are reminded that this is not the case for missionaries in many other fields. Despite the frustration of frequent illnesses, we cannot complain about how the Lord has taken care of us.

In our last letter, we asked for prayer for the missionary family that sponsored us into the country, Bro. Jack and Sis. Joy Loveday. He has been dealing with cancer for the past several months, and a recent test confirmed that radical treatment might be necessary. Over the coming months, he will have more tests and will need wisdom in making decisions. Please pray for him and his family that the Lord will give them grace and peace during this time.

In closing, we wish to give a special thank you to all those that gave us additional support over the holidays. Your generosity is truly humbling and a blessing! Thank you, and may the Lord guide you in your service for Him.

Sincerely in His Service,

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