



## Praises

We're seeing fruit from the English classes we started.

We had a fantastic ladies' Christmas event.

Our visas have been approved! We are now in Chile on a two-year visa, after which we can apply for permanent residency.

## Prayer Requests

That many will come and be saved at Joy Baptist Church.

We have our first men's meeting this month. Please pray that men will come, be saved, and get involved in the church.

Happy New Year! Much can happen in a year, and one of the biggest things for us was the beginning of Joy Baptist Church. Praise the Lord, we've now been going for a couple of months, and we have a group of people that are forming the base of our church, of which we can safely assume a few of them are always going to be there.

We started a Bible study with some of the people from English class. Out of this group, one man brought his mom, who is now attending regular services and partaking in discipleship. We have others who have begun or are about to begin discipleship, and it's an exciting thing to see all that God is doing in our community of Independencia.

We also had a ladies' Christmas event. This was our first organized event for people in the church, and it was a great success! The ladies sang, played games, heard a Bible lesson, did a craft, and had a small gift exchange at the end. We had seventeen ladies total, and Leslie and our co-laborer's wife, Alheen, did a great job getting everything together. Some of the ladies left very excitedly, saying they'd never gotten to participate in something like that.

One of the best parts about having a new church is teaching things that many have never heard before. Around Christmastime, one of my sermons had a part about why Jesus had to be born of a virgin. As it clicked with one lady, her mouth fell open and she began to nod, like, "That really makes sense." It's so neat to see people learning the Bible, especially when their faces express something like that.

In closing, thank you for your prayers and support for us. God bless you all!



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