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Reflections on the Season

It's hard to believe that it has been ten years since we spent our first 'winter' in Mérida. Although we headed into that Christmas season without the typical blustery winds or early snows of home, we could still hear the carols and melodies both in the stores and on the streets as choruses would sing the message of Christ's birth for all to hear. There was also the smell of pine, as families purchased live trees to decorate to transform their homes for family gatherings and Christmas celebrations. We learned that piñatas were popular with both kids and adults alike during this

season, not just for birthdays. Reenacting the Christmas story was also a tradition.

One year, our daughter even got to perform as Mary.

Our first Christmas here, we were invited to share in the festivities of our pastor's family. There, we discovered that gift giving happens at midnight after the Christmas Eve service and a late family meal. Christmas Day, then, becomes a continuation of family time and eating those all important



dinner leftovers.

Throughout the past 10 years, we've seen that, although the expression may be different, the hope and expectation of the Savior is what unites us, regardless of our differences. Thank you for joining with us that we may continue to proclaim this message so that this universal Body of Christ might continue to expand.

Relate

While elections took place on a national level, middle school elections also took place, ushering in Jonathan as President at Calvary Middle School! Rebekah has enjoyed a leadership role on her online school's newsletter publication this year. And, Joseph has expanded his musical repertoire with both singing and piano lessons.



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Preparing for the New Year

As we think ahead to 2017, we rejoice at the forward movement of our church

planting efforts to date. We've seen fruit as workers are being exposed to new ways of thinking about ministry among unbelievers. One student, Gloria (pictured), who is planting a church in the village of Kikteil, expressed her appreciation for the structure that the Multiplication Network materials have suggested. She's

been inspired to develop the vision, mission, and values that will guide her work in that needy community. Please join with us in prayer as we enter into the implementation phase of our program, walking with students such as Gloria, month by month, helping them turn fledgling works into thriving congregations.

