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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. -John 1:14

Dear loved ones,

It's over! The election that is. This year I paid more attention to the election of our president than I ever have before. Truth didn't seem to be invited. Every news outlet I watched put their own spin on all they reported. Both sides. I suppose there was some truth, but that seems a contradiction in terms. Grace??? I saw very little grace. When I was younger, I think that at least there was an attempt to *seem* a little gracious. Maybe that was just for votes too. You know, the politically correct way to do it at the time...If you are like me, you're all about political called out by now, so let's move on. With the letter and with life!

It's hard to follow by faith though isn't it. We'd like something easier. Certainly I understand why Israel clamored for a king. Placing certainty by faith is simple, not easy. They wanted a representative at any cost, someone to take the lead into battle. They didn't like who they thought would be leading them, so they went into a revolt. They were not revolting against Samuel's corrupt sons however. Their revolt was against God.

So the Lord said to Samuel, "Heed their voice, and make them a king." - See 1 Samuel Chapter 8

King Saul certainly looked the part didn't he? A choice and handsome son, not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel, and tall too. A real specimen. He was the opposite of Jesus.

He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

I'm so glad it's over! We have our King and He is full of grace and truth. Merry Christmas everyone. (Insert deep breath here.) FULL of grace and truth. Aaahhhh. He is who He is. He is who He says He is. He will do what He says He will do and has all the authority to do it. He is I AM. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. Lord over all. No vote. You and I have absolutely no say in the matter. Thanks be to God. People will either recognize Him for who He is, or they will reject Him, but He will remain forever and ever and ever. What a King that came to serve and died to save! From a manger to a cross. Humble, all-powerful, yet full of grace and truth. We love you Lord. Thank you Lord. The election was set, is set, and will be set forever.

Although God does not need my vote, one way or the other, I pledge my allegiance to Jesus. I don't need a handsome warrior. I need someone full of grace and truth to lead me. That looks more beautiful all the time doesn't it. And I thank God that He takes the position at all. But that is Who He is. We are undeserving.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. -See Isaiah Chapter 53

Yet He has served the plate of thanksgiving. And not only that. Truly, the best is yet to come.

Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. -Isaiah 9:7

Our King has come.

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Milagro de Vida
Casa Hogar Para niños



It was a good couple weeks down in Cuernavaca. And there it is, Chayo's Island in service! And here is the official logo of *Miracle of Life* Children's Home. The home is ready to receive children and much of the paper process is complete but we are also now in another virus situation. Pastor Chayo has come down with Covid-19. It is not a surprise, he is the worst social distancer I've seen! While we were there, the home hosted a Bible studies for a men's group, another for a women's group and hosted the safety classes given by Social Services (pictured), as well as construction details, family gatherings and random visits from the community of people hurting and in need. That coupled with several services each week for the church made it likely only a matter of time that he would get it. As I write, the concern for my brother-in-law and dear friend is growing, he needs hospitalization and options are limited.



I'm hard pressed to continue now with this letter, but as we look forward to opening *Miracle of Life*, there are a couple details I'd like to bring to your attention. The small yard is covered in gravel. It's practical in that it cuts down on bugs and mud, but playing safely on it is almost impossible. We'd like to see a poured sidewalk, front entrance patio, and space for parking. Then we can eliminate the gravel and make a small play area. Also, in the kitchen we were able to put in some shelving, but Betty could really use some upper cabinets. I think we can do all of it for about \$5,000. We've come such a long way this year with the home and will continue to respond accordingly as God provides. We thank God for all your help.

The paperwork has cleared all the criteria for Social Services in Mexico. Next the project paperwork will be sent to Mexico's Child Protective Services (DIF) to be checked over by them. Now we await God's answer for Pastor Chayo, then we will send in the paperwork and await their reply. God willing, it will soon be time for the Inauguration celebration and time to open for our first children. We're all so looking forward to meeting them!

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Praise report/ prayer requests:

Pastor Chayo.

We have many dear friends and family fighting this virus now. Please pray for them. We thank God for our Sister Mendez. She's pulling through what looked very bleak. We're able to help some because of you. Please pray for the pastors and their families. Many depend upon offerings that are now not being given due to the pandemic. They also run some of the highest risks of catching the virus.

Shine bright, bear fruit! For those of you more observant than I am, the tree on front is the same one as last December's letter! I wrote about waiting...and we are still waiting to close on the land next to us (and that tree!). Two steps forward, three back. We are moving toward a conclusion, hopefully in the next couple months. And we are very thankful for the prayers.

We have been able to host some small groups at our center. We recently hosted the Berea Bible School. They had been in quarantine for months, so they were pretty excited to get out of their 4 walls! We're looking for wise ways to connect with our community and our outreach this Christmas.

It's been a difficult year for so many, us included. Thank you so much for being a bright spot in our lives. We couldn't carry the load alone. God bless you all.

We wish you a Merry Christmas.



*Love from,
Gary and Minnie and Sophia too!
along with all your family in Mexico.*