

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Isaiah 9:2



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from South America,

It is hard to believe that another year is coming to an end and the holiday season is upon us once again. We will be finishing formal language studies in the next few weeks – then, we know, the real learning begins. We have definitely learned a lot of structure and vocabulary but realize how much more we need God's help and grace to put it to use and become more fluent in our conversations. Please continue to pray for our effectiveness in learning and using the language.

Recently the Lord has given us the opportunity (and the ability) to witness and have some spiritual conversations in Spanish. We were distributing tracts at one of the busy metro stations in town and met a very kind Catholic lady named Claudia. Most people will take the tract and just keep walking. Occasionally people will stop and we will see them reading through it, and then there are those that reject it or will turn around and hand it back. When the lady looked at the tract, she came back to me and began to ask questions and share her beliefs, which were very largely focused on Mary and purgatory. Thankfully, we were able to understand most of what she had to say and she was very patient in listening to us as we tried to share what THE BIBLE SAYS. It is sad but true that many people believe only what they have been taught from a non-biblical, man-centered source. She listened intently as I used verses in the Bible to explain Mary's role. I also got her to agree with me that purgatory was simply a place of cleansing or purification. Then I showed her from the Bible that purgatory was actually the place called Calvary, for it was there that Christ's blood did what only it could do, cleanse us from all sin – Amen & Amen! Praise God we are not called to argue or debate all the false teachings of the world's religions, but just to share the powerful and perfect Word of God and let it do His work. Please pray for Claudia that she considers the truth that she heard that day.

For the first time in our married life, we have learned to exist without owning an automobile. This definitely brings some challenges getting around town and shopping, but we have also had the opportunity to witness to many Uber and taxi drivers. A popular question when they pick up two gringos off the street is, "Why are you here?" When we explain why we are learning Spanish and what we want to do in the future, they just about always ask, "What is the difference between a Catholic and a Christian?" What an amazing opportunity. We are thankful to be able to explain the differences from the authority of God's Word. Obviously many are Catholic in name only and as Christ explained to the woman at the well, "*Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*" Thank God for the perfect and unchanging way of salvation through Christ.

I have had the opportunity to preach a few times and Kristia has had the opportunity to start helping in Sunday school. We are both thankful for the opportunities and look forward to the day that Spanish is much more natural to us (and makes better sense to the hearers too).

Please continue to pray for the visa situation coming up next year. Our student visas expire in December and we will have to leave the country briefly and re-enter after the first of the year. We can have up to 180 days as tourists, but want to begin the process of obtaining a religious visa in the spring. Please pray that these visas are obtained quickly and we receive the maximum amount of time permitted. There are not any specific guidelines for duration, it is just at the discretion of the official who reviews the application. We are praying that God gives us favor. At this moment there are three Amazon for Christ trips scheduled for next year. Our desire is to be a part of all three provided the visas are in order. I invite and encourage many of you to take the time, make the investment, and let God use you to make a difference in someone's life for eternity. I love sightseeing, hunting, fishing, hiking, and scuba diving - but when you take a trip to the middle of nowhere on the world's largest river and play with kids who can't understand a thing you say but still laugh, smile, and love you anyway, that will change you forever and give you a purpose that brings lasting joy and memories long after the trips are history.

Thank each of you again for the prayers, love and support that you have shown for us. We could not be here without you. A number of you have also sent special Christmas gifts along with our support and we want to say a special thank you for the thoughtfulness.

In His service,
Aaron and Kristia Reisinger

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

