

A Christmas Greeting from VIDA NUEVA GUATEMALA

What an EXCELLENT year.....

...And never before have we been so happy about what God has been doing among us as we are now.....believe me!

This year has been phenomenal for Vida Nueva Guatemala for several reasons:

- 1) We saw our congregation grow from 90 adults and 25 children in October to 105 adults and 40 children in December immediately following our VBS and Soccer School with Goran Hunjak.
- 2) We saw our members who normally keep a safe distance from our evangelistic activities get involved in them, joyfully!
- 3) We saw many new families join our church this year, and still others get baptized.
- 4) We saw our congregation mature in its relationship with the Lord and with each other.



In summary, we are very very satisfied!

On the home front we are also very pleased. Daniela, our oldest at 18 years old, is about to begin her final year of High School at the German School and is getting prepared to go to college....she dreams of receiving a scholarship to be able to study in the United States. Her grades are excellent so she might not be far from seeing her dream come true. Fabiola, our second daughter, 16, will enter the international High School program this year in the same school; her grades qualified her for this great opportunity. Camila, our third, also an excellent student, will begin 5th grade in January. And Cati, our foster daughter, is an outstanding student at her bilingual school. Her adoption process continues well, we believe that in 2012 she will be united with her new parents, The Embreys. We will miss her a lot but we know that a whole new world of opportunities awaits her.



Javier Girón, our associate pastor, is getting married on Sunday January 8, 2012 to Claudia Gerna. Claudia will join Javier in January as his helpmeet in life and ministry and our pastoral team will be more complete. What a blessing it is to see our family grow!

Really, there is so much that we are grateful to the Lord for, He has been so good to us this year. Personally, I am grateful to have been able to have the surgery to repair my upper respiratory tract treating the sleep apnea that has literally tortured me for a long time and limited my productivity. Many thanks to those who the Lord used to make this possible.

I would like to end by saying that I am convinced that without your support and efforts over the past 4 years that we have been serving in this beloved country, things would not be as good as they are. Many thanks for praying, for giving, and for coming to Vida Nueva Guatemala to Expand His Kingdom and transform the lives of many Guatemalans. May the Righteous Lord who sees and knows return to you many fold all that you have invested in His Church, our Fruit is your Fruit too.

On behalf of Javier and Claudia Giron and Rosemarie and our four daughters, Merry Christmas and May you have a 2012 filled with victory. With all our love,
Nelson Rivas, Senior Pastor Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva Guatemala.