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The Hope of Advent

As we prepare this newsletter during Advent, we are reminded of the paradoxes in our world. While Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection ushered in the Kingdom of Heaven, its fullness remains unrealized. As believers, we rejoice in what we've experienced in Christ yet long for its complete manifestation in us and others.

These contrasts were evident during our recent travels to Mexico and Cuba. In Mexico (Nov. 9-15), we attended the biennial council of our national church partners. We celebrated progress, including new opportunities for church planting in the Laguna District and testimonies of students being disciplined on campuses in Guanajuato and Mexico City. Yet, alongside these victories, we supported colleagues navigating complex challenges, praying for redemption in difficult situations.

Our first trip to Cuba (Dec. 3-5) to meet the national church leadership revealed both remarkable growth and significant struggle. The church is thriving, with small groups and baptisms multiplying rapidly.

Yet, this growth is overshadowed by hardships—hurricanes, an earthquake, and an energy crisis—that leave families and ministries struggling to meet basic needs. Witnessing these extremes left us deeply moved, grappling with the tension of joy and suffering.

In such contradictions, we find hope in the words of the Apostle Paul. In 2 Corinthians 6:9-10, he describes being "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything." His hope was rooted in the promise of Christ's return, when his work to reconcile a lost world with its Creator would be vindicated. This is the hope of Advent—a hope that shapes our actions and sustains us as we labor for God's Kingdom.

This Advent season, we thank you for your prayers and contributions that enable us to partner with missionaries and national churches in the Northern Triad. Please pray for the continued advancement of God's Kingdom in our area and that, despite present challenges, we remain steadfast in hope and faithful to His mission.



Mexico Global Workers gathered during the national church council in Guadalajara, Mexico



In Cuba with education leaders Ariel Sánchez and his wife, Mayker, (left) and Yban Cordovi (by Dave). Daniel Irizarry (center) was our guide.



Short on resources, the Cuban church is resourceful, refurbishing outdated presses to print evangelism and discipleship materials.

Upcoming travel:

In addition to our continuing itineration, we'll be making our first trip to the Dominican Republic in

January to meet the national church leadership during their council and spend time with the global worker team. Please pray for these budding relationships.



MK Ski Retreat: Thanksgiving means Ski Retreat for college-aged MKs in Winter Park, CO. This year was Jonathan's last as a student, but Joseph and Tatiana also joined the group, serving as staff.

Your support helps us stand by our colleagues!

Your year-end tax-deductible gift resources our travel as we establish the key relationships that facilitate meaningful ministry. Scan the QR code or use the link <http://s1.ag.org/137r> to help us.

