



Merry Christmas

December 2009

Dear family and friends:

FELIZ NAVIDAD!! We hope you and your loved ones are well and enjoying the best season of the year—the birth of our Savior! Our year has been full of many blessings and much heartache, and the one constant has been the Faithfulness and the Goodness of God.

The year started out with cancer diagnosis for Kathy's step dad, Tom, (who had been recovering from a stroke), and for several other close friends. He had surgery in March. Tom Doddington never left the hospital, but fought the "good fight" for 5 months. On August 19th, he went home to be with his Lord and Savior. Our family had the privilege of spending the summer with Tom and Kathy's mom, other family and friends, and that Chris could preach at his funeral. Though we did not plan this, but God allowed it and we are so thankful.

On the drive to Mexico to Illinois, Chris lost partial vision in his left eye and after a day in the ER, saw specialists, and began treatment for optic neuritis. He has since showed many more symptoms of multiple sclerosis and we are trying to cure it through diet, and praying for a miracle!

Some of the kids Highs: That he got to see his grandpa and be with him before he died & cooking hamburgers on our new grill (that his uncle donated). Also that a TWO new missionary families have arrived this year and will be serving here, Ana is finally out of a 6X! Lows: That grandpa died and grandma's alone, that the electricity goes out too often here, miss family & friends in US. Life Lessons: If you try hard in school, you can do very well, and lies do not end in anything good-ever!

The ministry has been going well in spite of our unexpected time away. The church continues to mature and we are presently doing Fireproof bible study with about 25 couples, many which do not attend our church and have never looked at what the Bible says about their relationships. Recently one of the couples that do not attend our church shared how they were ready to divorce the first night of the study.



A few weeks into it, she came to the end of herself, and poured her heart and tears out to God for hours, and invited Him to take control of her life. She, and her husband, say there has been a new peace in their home and she is no longer exploding with rage. Please keep Marco and Yolanda, and all the couples in prayer.

We continue to be amazed at how God is bringing His Kingdom of justice and love to this region through unexpected means. The City of Refuge, while physically not yet built, is alive and ministering to many poor, wounded, and hopeless people. **Some highlights:** *One of our church planters helped bring water to Agua Bendita, and now 30 are studying God's Word *15 houses built in poor communities who had lived in cardboard huts, *kids clubs in 3 unreached neighborhoods that are ministering to the whole family and caring for the abused (a 13 year old girl had a baby with her father, now living with a church member), *legal action against a mom who locked her 2 children in a room for 20 years, *new ministry to women single moms (about 20 attending), *new couples leading marriage groups, *and many youth in our church are maturing into amazing church planters with compassionate hearts.

Well, we could go on and on here-if you do not get our email letters with Constant Contact, please contact us at CKGouzoules@yahoo.com, or check our website at: ChristKatJourney.blogspot.

We wish each of you a blessed, awe-filled Christmas, enjoying the freedom and joy only Jesus can bring! We are so thankful for each of you and your love, prayers, generosity and support. We miss you and love you and wish you a very merry, blessed Christmas and may your 2010 be overflowing with God's Presence, Peace and Love.

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