

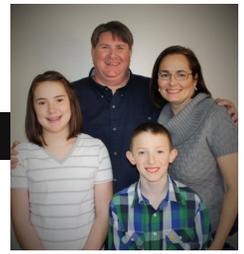


2015 Recap

Update from Smith Family - Piedras Negras, Mexico



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Gracias

Praises

- For the Lord providing a rental home for us in a safe neighborhood.
- For the teams and families that have come and ministered with us in 2015.
- For the ministry partners that we have been blessed to work together with them in Unity to serve the city.
- For the leadership classes that have graduated and started this year.
- For the hundreds of people that we have impacted with the support of each and every one of you!
- For the work the Lord has begun!

Yes, it's the end of the year again and many times of holidays. It's a wonderful time of fellowship and giving, of song and joy and excitement. A time to reflect on the year that is coming to an end and a time to look forward to the year that is about to begin. A time to refocus and regroup. To figure out what worked well and what didn't. A time to re-strategize, to formulate a new plan for the future. To maximize your potential and reach your goals. It's also a time to forgive. To put aside the anger and hurt, to release the bitterness and hatred against our families, siblings, and friends. If the birth of Jesus teaches us anything, it shows us that Jesus came in order to forgive. He tells us in His word time after time that if we don't forgive we will not be forgiven. Jesus is always ready and waiting to forgive us when we sin against Him, so why do we think that our forgiveness comes at a higher price than His cost? He paid the ultimate price so that we can be forgiven. He paid for our forgiveness with His life. In order for us to forgive, a death also has to occur. We have to die to our flesh. Our flesh wants to stay angry, bitter, hate, and punish the other party for the wrong they committed against us. This is not the way of the Lord.

The Bible says in Psalm 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell together in unity!

It is not God's will or God's way for us to walk in un-forgiveness. It is God's will that we dwell together in unity. It is His will that we love one another. So as you reflect on the past year and look forward to the new year let love reign in your heart and forgive those who have hurt you, forgive those who have not met your needs or lived up to your expectations, forgive yourself and let Jesus forgive you.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and your support. Merry Christmas to you and your families and have a happy new year. May God bless you always in all that you do!!!

Love, Brian, Melanie, Faith & Caleb

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