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Happy 2014 from our family to yours.

As we look at all that God has done in the few short weeks since our last update we are amazed and thrilled that he has allowed us to serve Him with our lives and we are even more excited about serving Him in 2014 with our church theme of "Growing Together".

Though we normally manage to stay rather busy, we have definitely been in our busiest season in ministry here. Just over two months ago on November 15th, we had the graduation in our Christian school with twentyfive 9th grade graduates and 15 kindergarten graduates. There were 300 people in attendance where Brother Carlos Navarrete clearly presented the Gospel and several people raised their hands indicating their desire to be saved. We are grateful for this open door to follow up on each of these people.

On November 18th we started full swing into the building destruction/ construction project. We had an enormous response from the men in our church, as well as several other

way in the past, to come and voluntarily give of their time to help tear down the existing concrete building by hand. The goal for destruction and roof completion was our Christmas Eve service, and we made it!

As you can see from the pictures, we have a tremendously larger seating capacity as we were maxing out the previous seating capacity of around 100. We praise the Lord for the growing Christians in our church who have sacrificially given, both in offerings and time, to build a larger building, allowing more people to learn about and grow in Christ. Apart from a few unsolicited donations from other churches, our own church family here in Cojutepeque is paying for this new building. It is working toward functioning as an indigenous local church and we are over-joyed to see the faith and obedience of the folks here to the Word of God. With all the building project, the six saved and four baptized in November and December were the greatest joy of all.

churches that we have helped in some We would also like to announce the birth of our third son, Isaí Benjamin, born on December 17th at 3:42 AM weighing 9 lbs. and measuring 21 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great and came home from the hospital just 14 hours later. We praise the Lord for His blessings and the good health of our growing family.

> We were privileged to have Esther's parents and one of her sisters be with us for a few weeks at the end of December as well.

> Already in January, we have completed a Teacher Orientation with Brother and Mrs. Bob Green and have launched into our new school year. There is a wonderful spirit, and we believe that it is going to be the best year of the school yet.

> Thank you for your consistent prayers and financial support making it possible for us to serve here in Cojutepeque, El Salvador.

May God richly bless you in 2014!











