

THANKSGIVING WITH EMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH



KIDS' DAY ONE-DAY VBS DURING OUR SUMMER TIME



KIDS' CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

# FOLLOWING THE FRIDENSTINES



## May God Be Exalted

Praise the Lord and may He be exalted for the amazing start to a new year. Our church theme for 2015 is just that - may HE be exalted in, around and through our lives, church, school, testimonies, community, and world. We are excited about what God is already doing in and through His church here in Cojutepeque, El Salvador. We had a wonderful holiday season with exciting and effective ministry and now we are off to a great start in this new year that is already one sixth

- Praise the Lord for His blessings in 2014:
  - 26 saved
  - 13 baptized
  - 210 visitors
- Average church growth increase was 33.

done. There is much to do for the cause of Christ and we are excited about working toward the goals that we have set personally and as a church in 2015.

#### New School Year

The Christian School is well into our new academic year as well. There is an amazing spirit among the teachers and staff. We had a wonderful time of teacher training with Monte and Angie Ashworth in January and we are doing our best to put into practice the biblical and practical principles of teaching and learning. We have two new intern ladies here with us: Melissa Frost and Leanne Cardenas - both graduates of West Coast Baptist College. Melissa is teaching English classes in the school and Leanne is our new school secretary. They have already been a huge blessing.

### Love Works

This year, as a church family, we want to make a HUGE impact in our community. We started our extra efforts on February 14 with Love Works in the central park. We had a group of over 40 church folks with T-shirts and a smile give away water, a John and Romans, and a special tract and invitation to our church. We gave over 5,000 gifts and smiles. It has already had an impact if nothing more than to unify our church family in service. There is nothing like loving others and serving together. The following day was our Friend Day in the church. We had 41 visitors all of which were brought by the personal invitations of our people. We celebrated with a special lunch afterward. It was a great day.

## Family News

We have already had a few quick trips this year. I took a week trip to Lancaster for the Spanish Spiritual Leadership Conference. I had the privilege to teach a session, but more than that, I was able to be encouraged and re-charged for another year of ministry. My family and I, as well as our three intern ladies went for a three-day trip to Honduras for an English-speaking Missions Get-Away Conference. It was so much fun, very relaxing, and a good recharge for future ministry.

Thank you so much for your love, prayers, and support.

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Melissa and Leanne



Serving others



Friend Day lunch



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