



Hello and a very Merry Christmas to all of you! We opened some lovely advent presents today and were very grateful for lovely relatives on the other side of the world who continue to find ways to send us presents despite the post not working! Thanks Mum!

Well, because it's Christmas, and you probably have a whole bunch of Christmas letters to read, this one is going to be SHORT! (Insert Muppet Christmas Carol quote here).

May you have a very blessed and joyful Christmas, pondering and celebrating the birth of the true King, our God, Emmanuel.

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

- **Praise God for a Spring Family Fun Day we had recently! It's a long time since our church had an event like this. We're praying that some of the 130 people who came will return for a Christmas service and a chance to hear the gospel. We're also incredibly thankful for the way our small church family pulled together to make it all work.**
- Another academic year is ending. We've seen huge improvements in Maia's Spanish and her interaction with classmates. Please keep on praying for us as we seek to be wise parents in a cross-cultural context. Please also pray for Emilio as he prepares to go to kindergarten in March.
- We're really excited about a trip to Brazil in early January, to see our friends and fellow Latin American labourers, Phil and Carolina. We're praying for a time of rest and refreshment where we can mutually encourage each other. We have children of similar ages, so we're praying for harmony and joy amongst the younger crew too.
- **Please pray for preparations for the youth camp in Cordoba at the end of January. We're expecting around 80 young people and looking forward to very late nights, dangerous wide games and teaching from God's word on the second half of the Ten Commandments. (Do not smother your neighbour with your sleeping bag...)**
- We've been reading a book about Emotionally Healthy Leadership and realising that we often fall into unhealthy patterns of frustration and complaining if things don't go our way. Please would you pray for us over our summer holidays, that we would use our time wisely to reflect on our responses to disappointment – seeking to 'lament' honestly, while trusting and delighting in God's plans.

*Andrew, Bethanie, Maia, Emilio and Lucy xxxxx*