

A Year of Breakthrough

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Uniting 2 Serve Newsletter

Pray for more support

Please pray for god to touch hearts and provide more financial partnerships as we have had some who had to decrease or stop their financial support in 2016. [\(Invest 2 Serve here!\)](#)

Pray for our team

There are now only 4 of us taking care of the entire ministry and all 13 families. We are encouraged by what God has done already and are looking forward to seeing what He will do this year as the 4 of us move forward in the calling He has placed on our lives.

Pray for city of Refuge Church

We know the Lord has many things in store for the church we are serving in. Please pray for the leaders and congregants of the church for wisdom, strength, and boldness as we continue to work to strengthen His body. [\(Follow them on Facebook!\)](#)

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Part of us helping the church is Dylan coordinating an extension course of "Equipping the Saints International" to help train our church leaders in how to lead and properly handle the Scriptures. The first class will last for 2 years! We have been waiting to do this for almost 3 years now and are blessed that God has finally said, "it's time." Please join us in prayer for the class and the instructors (which include Dylan and Pastor Jorge) as we prepare to start on February 4th. [\(Click for more info\)](#)



We were able to celebrate the birthday of one of the girls whose family we serve. They all keep asking us when we will have a baby, so here is Missy goofing off with the birthday girl.

It's Time

We were blessed to spend the end of the year with many fun activities including quality time with our church family, team, families we serve, and even were able to have some time to ourselves! Val (who recently just moved back to the States, so please keep her in your prayers) coordinated a Christmas party for all of the children we serve! There was cake, games, the Christmas Story, and gifts from sponsors! We also shared a wonderful Christmas service with our church family, accompanied with the traditional tamales and punch. We then celebrated Christmas Eve with our team playing games and enjoying snacks until midnight when we went on the roof to watch all the fireworks!

[Click here to watch the video!](#)



The kids after getting their Christmas gifts!

Called to make a difference

We believe that the Lord is shaking things up this year and is calling us as His followers to be the change wherever it may be we find ourselves each day. From selecting deacons to taking a girl to the clinic for TB treatments, to having the hard conversations nobody really likes to have, we are committed to following His leading regardless of the situation.

Once again we are being called out of our comfort zone. When we ask God for help in growing closer to Him, He calls us to new challenges with greater promises, which give us an opportunity to trust Him more. As a result, He is already revealing His glory in our lives in ways we couldn't have imagined.

This year we will be moving forward to better strengthen the core leadership of the church now that the foundations have been laid. We will be taking new steps in the SARF ministry with the families we serve, now that they are no longer in a state of crisis, so they can move to a state of self-sustainability. Provided she can find grants and scholarships, Missy will be pursuing her dream of a counseling degree so she can better serve families here. Dylan is taking major steps to improve his health so he can be healthy to better serve. Together we are forging forward in our collective relationship with the Lord in learning who He truly is as our God and who we are as His children.

Will you join us?

Will you commit this year to seeking God's will for your life? Will you join God in how He is mobilizing His church? We'd love to hear how God is moving you to action this year. ([see our updated prayer page](#))

Love,
The Brobsts



Special Birthday

Missy and some of the women from the church had the pleasure of surprising one of the women from CR with a small birthday party to celebrate her special day on December 23rd.

At the end, she stood up and thanked everyone saying this was the first time she ever had a birthday party. It was a great time for the women to share laughs, pray for the struggles each has in their lives, and celebrate both the lives we have been given here on earth and the eternal life we have through Jesus!

We praise God for moments like these that helps our relationships with people in the community grow.

Speaking of CR...

We'd like to ask for special prayer for this ministry. The ministry has encountered some hiccups regarding the availability of some leaders to run the Friday night services and together with the church leadership team we implemented a new approach to growing and discipling folks who are dedicated to experiencing real change in their lives.

Please pray for wisdom as we try to help the leaders navigate the situation. Also pray for more people bold enough to step forward and take the next steps necessary to realize God's purpose for their lives.

We are blessed to see more people interested in participating in the next small group step study, but as some of you know, it is a long process and not an easy one!