



# RBW REPORTER

## RBW Missions

*Have a very Merry Christmas, from our family to yours*

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## For unto us a child is given ...

It's easy for us to picture a baby in a manger because we've seen cards and calendars and nativity scenes all our lives. The harder thing is to understand the reality of God packing His completeness into a tiny infant and allowing this little One to sleep in a feed trough and wear rags for His first night. How could He do that? And how can we ignore the implications of that act of selflessness and the magnitude of His

gift. We set our sights so low and go crazy over a mythical fat man coming to town? GOD CAME DOWN TO BE WITH US. Let that saturate your mind and soul today. Then go out and celebrate that truth with grateful glee. Be generous with the "Merry Christmas" greetings and maybe add, "Isn't it amazing that God came to be with us?" Who knows, maybe we can be the spark that lights hope in

someone's darkened life. Maybe we can be the "star in the sky" that points the way to the manger. Maybe Jesus will be the center stage for His birthday party once again. Maybe the Father's heart will be delighted by the big deal we make of His amazing gift to us. We hope so.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
JESUS.**



## So What Do You Do For Christmas?

Karen, (our Honduran houseguest for the past four months) told us she's never had a Christmas celebration. No presents, no tree, no lights. Their family was too big and too poor to do things like that. She and her son, Orlan, a curious, darling 20 month old, are loving the lights, decorations, and excitement. Orlan wants to touch it all. It's such fun doing this with them, and it is a physical reminder of our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua.

These pastor's families often are just the same. There's not enough

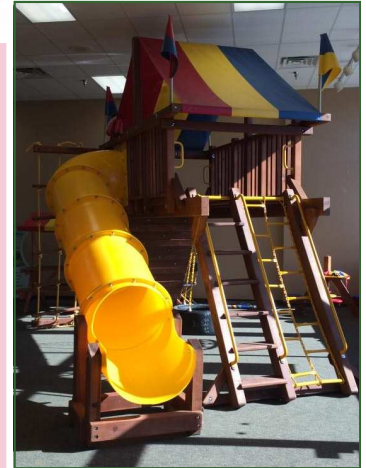
money for gifts or decorations, but they have it in their hearts to bless others because they have been blessed. Pastor Felix and his wife, Alicia, started a tradition of making a Christmas mission's trip to a poor mountain village with church members. They collected clothing and food for the month before and rented a van to go and bless those who were poorer than them. When Felix died, Alicia kept doing it. She leads a group of 10-20 church members to do this act of love each

Christmas.

Our Nicaraguan daughter, Ivania, and her dad, Pastor Eddy, lead their congregation in a children's outreach, supplying a small gift and candy along with the Christmas message to 150+ children around their church.

Pastor Luis G's church had 600+ kids come for their Christmas party last year to hear the Good News and eat good food.

We're so glad to partner with these dear ones who take every opportunity to share the Good News. May their example spur us on to do the same.



Playset purchased for the Casa Hogar in Mexico by the January Team from ND.



▲Orlan and Karen on the day of his presentation before the Lord and the church congregation.

▼Gifts under the tree.



Alicia—continuing service in love

