



## VBC Mexico News Dec. 2017



Dear prayer partner,

***Joy to the world the King has come!! May the hope, joy and peace of Christ Jesus be with you this Christmas and many blessings in the coming year!!***

No Mexican fiesta is complete without a piñata especially in Mexican Christmas party with the children. The traditional shape for a piñata is a star with seven points. The piñata's history in Mexico dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century near the archaeological site of Teotihuacan. The Spanish used the piñata as an allegory to help them in their efforts to evangelize the native people of the region and teach them about the principles of Christianity. The points represented the seven deadly sins (lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy and pride) and the bright colors of the piñata symbolize the temptation to fall into these sins. The blindfold represents faith and the stick is the will to overcome sin. The candies inside the piñata are the riches of the kingdom of heaven that the virtuous who are able to overcome sin will receive. The whole exercise is meant to teach that with faith and virtue, one can overcome sin and receive all the rewards of heaven. It sounded good but the focus was not Christ Jesus who came as saviour to redeem our sins and resurrected to give us eternal life. Christ is still on the Cross thus the worship of Guadalupe (Latino version of the Virgin) continues. This past Tuesday, millions of Mexicans made pilgrimage to Guadalupe's birthday in different basilicas. It pains our hearts to see so many people worshipping the statute of Guadalupe. ***Please continue to pray for the people in Mexico that they will come to know Jesus as their personal saviour.***

Christmas and New Year are times when people gather and have fiesta with family and friends. It is no exception in Mexico. For us, this is also the time we would invite friends to our home for meal to share the joy of Christmas; and these are good opportunities for us to have an open conversation about the true meaning of Christmas to our non Christian friends. The Chinese church where we have been attending will also invite local and Chinese non-believers to come, to celebrate and to share a Christmas meal. ***Please pray with us that the Holy Spirit will lead people come to know Jesus as they listen to the Christmas story. Pray that the Lord will open ways for us to connect and share the Good News with them. Pray especially for Kary, Amber and others that we could build significant relationships with them this Christmas and in the coming year.***

Finally, we praise the Lord for the way you have supported us through our GAF, Ministry Fund and Church plant fund for this year!! Please do consider to continue to pray and to support us in the coming year for His kingdom work in Mexico.

**Love in Christ- Victor and Betty Chin**

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Grateful for the opportunity to preach several times this month at the local Chinese and Spanish services.



Celebrated Betty's Dec. birthday with friends.



**\*Please continue to pray and support the Global Advance Fund that keeps us in the field as an IW :**

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