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## News from Ivan and Lizzy Villalobos

Dear Praying Friends,

November-December 2022

As we are in the final days of the year 2022, we want to thank you for your continued prayers and support. We're so thankful for God's faithfulness in our lives this year. God has provided for all of our needs, protected us, helped us, sustained us, and we've awakened to His new mercies every day.

In November, I had the opportunity to go on a two-day missions trip with some of the IPES students to a small town called Mazatán, located about an hour and a half away. Praise the Lord, a young man and a young lady both made professions of faith.

A special opportunity in November was to be able to speak via a Zoom video call to my home church in Costa Rica during their missions conference on the very topic of missions.

At IPES Bible College we stayed busy collecting homework and projects, grading, and doing some counseling with a few students. Each year The Evangelical Baptist Church in Phoenix, AZ, donates turkeys to the college so that the students are able to celebrate Thanksgiving at the homes of different faculty members. This year was the first time my wife and I baked a turkey and hosted such a large group for Thanksgiving. Thank the Lord we had a blessed time, praising God for His goodness.

December held various teaching opportunities for Lizzy. She had an opportunity to speak at a friend's baby shower, a ladies' Christmas gathering, and also a women's conference in another city called Aguascalientes. The church there was extremely generous towards us, paying for our trip there and back, hosting us, and blessing us in many ways. That weekend, I also had an opportunity to speak to the men of the church, and we just praise God for more opportunities to continue to spread hope through the preaching of the Word, as well as all the enjoyable moments that have come along with those opportunities.

The Christmas festivities or gatherings in Mexico have a traditional name: *Posadas Navideñas*, which holds the idea of "Christmas hospitality." For the Young Adults ministry we held the *Posada Navideña* of the year 2022 in our home, inviting them over for a time of fellowship, food, and meditation on the Word. We did have a couple of visitors, thank the Lord, and we are thankful for another opportunity to plant the seed of the gospel in hearts. For our *Posada Navideña* at our Round Rock Bible Club we shared the Christmas story, had special music, broke a piñata, and ate tamales and choco-flan. Usually, the children come alone to the Bible club, but this time some of the parents and relatives came along as well. This may be the only time some of them will patiently listen to the gospel. Christmas vacation at IPES started off with a closing banquet and an excellent message given by the director, my father-in-law.

We end this year looking back on the faithfulness of God, and we are looking forward to getting to know Him better in 2023.

In Christ,  
Ivan and Lizzy



Giving thanks on Thanksgiving Day



Evangelism in Mazatán



*Posada Navideña* at Round Rock Bible Club



Lizzy at the women's conference



Young Adults' *Posada Navideña*