



2023 trust * challenging * new * faithful* adventure * encouragement * grace partnership * prayer * authentic relationships *

As I look back over this past year, I can't begin to adequately describe the path God has taken me on. Several times I have started to review all the places I have been and the activities that have happened, but the rehearsal of those words are meaningless without mentioning what God is continually teaching me.

Above all, I am reminded of the truth in II Cor. 12:9 "But he said to me, 'My **grace** is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'

Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

The deepening of my understanding of God's **grace**, helps me confront the fears that can easily overtake me. I am reminded of the words in Phil. 4:6. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Verse 7 goes on to say, "And the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

God's plan is so much more than I can begin to comprehend. The words of Paul Tripp in his devotional New Morning Mercies are convicting, compelling, and comforting all at the same time. He writes, "If God was willing to give up his Son so that we would know his love, doesn't it make sense that he will also with him give us everything else that we need? The promise of the Christmas story is unshakeable love and every need met. **Now that's worth celebrating.**"

LOOKING AHEAD

2024

GOD'S GRACE

There will be continued growth with authentic relationships, more opportunities to share the gospel, and more challenging days, but through it all my prayer is that there will be a deeper understanding of God's grace.



Isaiah 26:3-4 "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock."



THE MANY TABLES THAT WERE SET THIS PAST MONTH

STAFF THANKSGIVING



STAFF RETREAT



HOSTING A STAFF MINI GROUP



ENGLISH CLASS



CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING PARTY



CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION



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JOIN ME IN PRAYING FOR...

- faithfulness in personal study of God's Word
- The part arrived for my car. Please pray the fix works.
- Olímpicos and Fifty1 Bible clubs resume January 10th.
- Language tutoring begins twice a week January 17th.
- community connections



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 29 - Jan 1

Back 2 PV - New Year's Eve weekend camp

February

Missions Trip to the Azores

February 23-24

Pastors Connection Conference

April 1-5

Easter Camp

April 27, May 25

Sports Tournaments


June 10


Family Day

July 9 - Aug 10


Summer Camps

WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH

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One of my joys has been to explore the stores in the town where I live and recently, I went to some new ones like the Talho (butcher), although I stayed away from the skinned rabbit. The Loja (store) Chinesa is where I have been the most. They have everything! However, I do really enjoy the Papeleria and all their art supplies. One day I took cookies to three of the places I frequent. How fun it was to see their reactions! My goal is to eventually share cookies with all of them.

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