



LOS ELEGIDOS BIBLE CLUB AKA HOPE ENDURES by  
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"You will be enriched in every way to be generous on every occasion, so that through us your giving will produce thanksgiving to God." 2Cor9:11

To all our beloved back home, Merry "Christ-Mas"!!!

We celebrated our early "Christ-Mas" dinner and party on the 21st with 34 Elegidos on deck enjoying all the fun and festivities which could NOT have been possible without your generous support, thank you!!!

Before we got started a few prayed and gave thanks to the Lord for all our amazing "gifters" back home, and of course thanked God for all the wonderful food, gifts, and prizes available throughout the evening.

We were there for one reason and one reason only, to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ . . . the King of Kings born in a manger.

That's **Kimberly** (14) and **Abigail** (16, upper photo, l-r) who were able to join us as we started the evening giving "animo" (encouragement) to every single kid that arrived, something that truthfully they're not used to, nor rarely hear in their homes - some of our kids broke down in tears (me included) because of the kind words (**Prov16:24**) that were being spoken over every single kid forced to stand in front of everyone and receive a barrage of compliments, encouragement, and lots of love. We like to do this once a month so our kids understand the power that is in the tongue, power to heal and be as sweet as honey . . .

**Evelyn** (11) and **Sayra** (14, photo-right) want to THANK YOU for blessing us with a ton of red chile-beef tamales, dozens of homemade chocolate-chip cookies provided by our brother Lee who owns a bakery shop nearby, and some amazing "buñuelos" (fried flour tortillas covered with cinnamon sugar) that we enjoyed throughout the night with our preferred drink Peñafiel (sparkling lemonade, orange, strawberry). We had so much food we were able to send kids home with tamales and buñuelos!



Just before partaking of gifts and competing for prizes, our college leaders **Chuche**, **Chavo**, and **Luis** (photo, l-r) brought forth the Word of God sharing the birth stories from the books of Luke and Matthew, covering the importance and the beautiful miracle of our Saviour, our Redeemer, the King of Kings.

That's my beautiful wife **Maribel** (photo, left, below) standing between **Luis** (L) and **Chuche** (R) during our photo-op.

She too shed a tear or two when the kids overwhelmed her with "animo"

during the encouragement session. She was so glad to be back in the mix with the kids after enduring a very lengthy last semester of school - thank you for keeping her in your prayers.

**Oyuki** (13), **Sayra**, and **Yuri** (17- photo l-r) also want to send thanks to all our supporters back home for blessing us with simply an amazing Christ-Mas celebration - it was over 6 years ago we had our first "Navidad" at the ministry center, and this was by far the best one yet - 34 kids with still a few missing, a ton of food, great

fellowship, great Word, and a spirit of unity as we gave thanks and praise for the birth of our Lord and Saviour . . .



Finally, on the way home that evening the last kid we dropped off was our kid (right) **Nicoll** - that's her three years ago at her last Christ-Mas celebration with us, a few months later she stopped coming to the ministry and only recently returned last month . . . she is now 14 and after speaking to her briefly, my wife and I realized this kid has had to become the adult of her family - that's too much to ask of any teen girl . . . when we got to see where she lived, we were heartbroken and promised to return the next day with blankets.

The next evening it was raining (photo below) and the only thing covering her roof was the plastic tarp you see in the photo - it was only by chance I was able to take these photos - our van got stuck in the mud and we had to call her uncle to rescue us - I praise God that **Nicoll** and mom decided to stay with family that night because it was freezing in the small shack they call home. We also gave thanks to God because a well-known Christian group that builds homes for families in the area had already laid a foundation in front of the small structure and will start building tomorrow! Their new home should be finished in seven days, and as I spoke to the mom's boyfriend I asked if there was any way we could assist - they are currently in need of 150 cinder blocks to finish their septic tank (about \$175) so by the time the new home is finished, they will have access to an outside restroom. If there is anyone who would like to help our kid **Nicoll**, please let us know. To the right is the bed **Nicoll**, mom, and her younger brother have been sharing now for over a month - she had



mentioned she had a place to sleep, what she didn't mention it was the same bed.

When their new home is ready they will need a decent (smaller) fridge, more bedding, etc. If the Lord lays on your heart anything you would like to donate, please let us know! Think house-warming party!

Thanks again for all the amazing blessings you shared with our kids - we still have much clothes shopping to do after the 1st with all YOUR kids of El Zorrillo!

All of our love,  
Walt y Maribel y Los Elegidos Bible Club  
p.s. Video recordings of all the kids you supported are in production and soon to come!

