

Jack & Janine Swanson's "CHILE CONNECTION"
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¡Feliz Navidad!!

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. -John 11: 12

A single verse in the Bible, yet what significance it holds.....even in the form of a baby.

We had the privilege and honor of being present at and part of the baptisms one week ago of two persons who have been with the church for almost one year. Why one year? We'll have to ask God when we see him, but one thing is certain – it began with Jesus. They've come to know him in a personal way. One of the two, an intellectual who lost his wife one year ago in November, 2006. The other, a young single mother, who has struggled just to make sense of the fact that the man who fathered her little girl didn't want "commitment".

What do we do and say to those types of persons? We hold out *Jesus* to them. Isn't that the true meaning of Christmas? Be we single or married, widowed or with spouse, child or with many years, rich or poor, of this racial background or that, of this country or that, *Jesus* came to save us all and to offer us all eternal life with God, in all of his three persons--not paying the price for sin and separation, rather receiving redemption and reconciliation as a free gift through him.

In the meantime, we've recouped hope and true love and joy and purpose, all of which culminate in *reason to live and go forward.*

Pictured below are the baptisms of Luis Alberto Ceballos Romero and Vanessa Andrea Reyes González. Why not say a pray of thanks to God right now for sending his one and only son to make all of this possible.



Vanessa dedicated herself the very next day, December 2, in a special part of the church service, to the raising of her little girl, Anita Luz (almost two years of age), in the knowledge of and following of this same *Jesus*. What a blessing for us all to again be present and be a part!

Did you notice the verse that began this edition of the *CHILE CONNECTION*?? In Spanish, the word 'Luz' translates to "light".

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. –Isaiah 9: 6-7

With MUCH HOPE, LIGHT, AND LOVE in this same Jesus,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Jack & Janine and the Chile Mission Team and the Iglesia Cristiana "*Jesús es EL CAMINO*"