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Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support of the ministry  
God has called us to in the Dominican Republic.

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*"To Know Him and to Make Him Known"*

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Thank you, Jesus! Another year has come and gone and we *rejoice always* in all He has done! Thank you, supporters, for partnering with us in Kingdom building! - *Mack and Lori, Cortney, Kyla, Cami, Katelyn, and Kiana*

## What & WHO

One of the songs we sing at bedtime with our toddlers is "*Rejoice in the Lord Always.*" What a great, old song! When we read the passage where Paul says this phrase, I am reminded that he was on house arrest awaiting trial with the possibility of execution. Um, how did Paul continually *rejoice always* in these challenging circumstances? Paul remembered WHO God is. He knew *what* he was facing didn't change WHO God is. My prayer for all of us this coming year is that no matter the challenges that may come, we never let the *what* take the focus from the WHO.

**Rejoice always, my friends!**

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"*

*Philippians 4:4*



We closed last year with another 12-week cycle of our Saturday kids' outreach program **Castillo Kids Powerhouse**. With 180 children enrolled in classes such as English, reading, arts and crafts, sports, etc, we worked through the book of Daniel with the theme of 'Big and Powerful is our God.' Over 90 students earned their t-shirt by having perfect attendance! We rejoice

in all God is doing in our local church and thank Him for the 30+ volunteers that commit their Saturdays to helping us reach our community for Christ!

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**Christmas** is always a full season for ministry and family. We rejoice in thanking the many volunteers and staff that help in ministry throughout the year. We rejoiced in Jesus' birth and another year of God's provision when we visited our extended family at the **Good Samaritan Children's Home** in December. We also rejoiced in having Mack's parents here for a few days in December! Special memories were made as our newest daughters got to meet some of their grandparents for the first time!

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**"Blooming"** is a girls' discipleship ministry of our church. We rejoice in hosting, mentoring leadership, and seeing these girls grow in the Lord and in community together.

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We continue to support **Pastor Peterson** and the **Center of Development** - a program much like Powerhouse. In December we were able to visit them again and encourage the teachers and children. We rejoice that this ministry is reaching souls for Christ in the needy community of San Luis.

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Lastly, we wanted to give you all an update on our process with our girls. The adoption is official here in the Dominican Republic. Praise the Lord! We are still just waiting for their new (Dominican) birth certificates with our names on them as their parents, which Lord willing will be ready before the end of this month. Though we were hoping we could visit PA with them soon, we are learning that is not going to be possible. The immigration process (for our girls to be viewed as our daughters in the US and receive citizenship) cannot be started until they have lived with us legally for 2 years. Thankfully that time will be completed on June 21st of this year. At that time we can apply for them to become citizens through adoption. That process has several steps and will likely take another 6-9 months if all goes well. That is what we understand to date. Please continue praying for us and for God's favor in this process. We

know that what He has brought us to, He will complete, in His perfect time. We look forward to being able to travel together as a family and introduce our precious daughters to our family and friends in PA and beyond. Meanwhile, as we continue to wait on processes, we are so thankful for the gift these two are to our family! Some moments we are delighted at the changes we see in their behavior and growth. Some moments we cry out to Jesus for His help, patience, gentleness, mercy. Through it all, **He is faithful. And we rejoice in that!**

If you feel led to partner financially with us in this ministry, your tax-deductible gift can be made payable to **River Church** and sent to **105 CJEMS Lane, Mifflintown, PA 17059**. Please write “**Kings’ Quest**” (family support) or “**Good Samaritan Children’s Home**” on a separate piece of paper.

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