

Christmas Greetings from Habitat El Salvador

We want to take this moment to send you our Christmas greetings! Often at this time of year, we have the tradition of lighting candles, whether on an advent wreath or on a windowsill in representation of Jesus coming into our world to light the way to salvation. Here in El Salvador, one of the traditions of “light” during this time of Advent is the “posadas.” In remembrance of how Mary and Joseph journeyed from Nazareth to Bethlehem, each night of Advent people congregate to walk together from home to home in their communities, carrying a statue of Mary and Joseph, accompanying them on their search for a place to rest their heads at night.

This pilgrimage is lit by *farolitos* or lanterns, guiding the way to the home of a community member who will have the honor of providing hospitality to the Holy Family for one night. Just as these families open their doors to shelter Mary and Joseph, through the hours of sweat and love, your team from Ss. John and Paul has helped open the doors to Delfina and her son Jaime, who as you could tell were in need of a decent place to call their own. Thank you so much for bearing this spirit of hope!

On behalf of Habitat El Salvador, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



But the angel said to them,
Do not be afraid. I bring you good news
that will cause great joy for all the people.
Today in the town of David
a Savior has been born to you;
he is the Messiah, the Lord

Luke 2: 10-11

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!**

May God bless you and the 24,700
families who now have a home thanks
to your love and generosity.



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