

Merry Christmas

HOLISTIC HOPE IN THE JUNGLES OF ECUADOR

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CINCEL & 2019 REFLECTIONS

When I arrived in Costa Rica four months ago, I couldn't have explained or listed my expectations. Yet, this trimester was not at all what I expected! There have been days when I felt language learning would never click and others when I was ecstatic as I carried on full (although broken) conversations. There have been long hours of repetitive studying, loud nights of celebration, and many days of quiet reflection. This trimester has been a constant reminder that a season of rest—especially intentional resting in the Father's presence—is not only a good habit to keep, but integral to my being.

Stepping into a new culture and language has been one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences. This year has been one of personal and spiritual change, but I am increasingly grateful for the caring individuals God has placed in my life to walk this path alongside me.



One of my favorite parts of being at CINCEL has been investing in new friendships that surround me. Both the fellow missionaries and the Costa Ricans I've had the privilege to share life with over the past several months, have been such a huge encouragement to me during this season. With each of us away from family, it is an incredible blessing to find a new type of family here in Costa Rica!

Now that 2019 is ending, I pray over each of you, the coming year, and my soon approaching time in Ecuador. I'm expecting great things for 2020!

PRAYERS & PRAISE

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN BOTH REJOICE WITH ME AND PRAY FOR ME DURING THE NEXT SEASON

As 2020 rolls in, you can lift a praise for the learning and growth God is continuing to build in me. I thank God continuously for His immense provision over this journey. Each day presents new challenges and new tests of faith, but each day my God is sufficient!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Language Learning & Comprehension
- Traveling Safety
- Each of our teachers here at CINCEL
- Continued Peace and Spiritual Guidance/ Discernment

Y dará a luz un hijo, y llamarás su nombre JESÚS, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados.

Todo esto aconteció para que se cumpliese lo dicho por el Señor por medio del profeta, cuando dijo:

"He aquí, una virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, Y llamarás su nombre Emanuel, que traducido es: Dios con nosotros."

MATEO 1: 21-23

APRENDE ESPAÑOL CONMIGO:

Here's a list of some of my favorite words and phrases for the Christmas Season:

Feliz Navidad: Merry Christmas!

Regalo: Gift/Present

Regalar: To give a present to someone

Agradecer: To Thank

Tarjeta de Navidad: Christmas Card

El Villancico: Carol

La Corona de Navidad: Christmas Wreath

El Adviento: Advent

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