

Light of Life Ministries

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Traditions

Most families have traditional celebrations throughout the year. One tradition for us at Christmas is to make and share Christmas cookies. As far back as I can remember my mother would begin making cookies right after Thanksgiving and store them in the huge chest freezer in the basement. Even though the cookies were hands-off with six kids in the house and all their friends, the freezer was raided quite often.

Mom took advantage of the cooking staff that she was raising! Our family has many good memories of helping in the kitchen to make these special Christmas treats. I am thankful that I was taught to wield a wooden spoon and spatula at an early age. It has always been a benefit to be able to cook for myself and our family. This year our tradition continued and we produced well over 150 dozen cookies. Our local friends often have never tasted the cookies that we make. Cookies are not common to the Honduran culture. They enjoy them all

the same. Each year we enjoy inviting youth from the community to come and decorate the cut-out cookies. This year we invited a young lady who has helped many times over the years. She brought her children and husband. A second generation decorating team!

We make about eight dozen cookies every week to share with the Sunday school class and our Bible study and other ministries. We are known for our cookies. We wish we could have sent you some also, but we have not found a recipe for cyber cookies.

We enjoy the gift of giving as we follow the example of Jesus Christ coming to earth and giving all for you and me. We hope you have a GREAT holiday and remember Him as you give and receive this year.





Prayers & Praise

Praise to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!

Pray for a prosperous new year and that we can continue to share the gospel in an effective way.

Praise for all that was accomplished in 2018.

Pray for more teachers and other staff positions that need filled here.

Praise for all that have participated this year in His work here in Honduras.

Pray for our family who is mourning Aunt Shirley, who went to be with the Lord.

Praise the Lord who came to save the lost, Amen.

Another tradition

This is not a tradition from our family but one from here in Honduras. I have asked many times but have not been told where this tradition started but it is fun none-the-less. Christmas in our area is celebrated with fireworks. Around the beginning of December, the pop of firecrackers begins in the villages. People set off a few most every night and it seems to be contagious. One will start and others will chime in. The grand finale is on Christmas eve at midnight. It seems the entire village shows up in the park (that is in our backyard) to shoot off all they have at the time. It is quite

exciting. The fireworks continue through the week to New Year's eve and another midnight celebration. In the beginning, it seemed quite strange to us. Now we buy our own and join in the celebration!

This is nowhere in the Bible and we are not sure how it all began but it IS a celebration. We continue to share that Christmas is about the birth of Jesus and we agree it is a time of celebration. Even in cultures

different than we are accustomed to, Jesus is always the reason for the season.

Merry Christmas.



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