

Happy New Year!

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By now most of you are probably already back into the swing of thing – unless you live in the Midwest! I hear there's quite a wintery coldness that is about to hit you all. I'll be thinking of you all in our 70 degree winter temperatures. ☺

Things here are going well. I was able to head home for Christmas and spent a great time with my immediate family. After being back for a little over a week, I'm already back in the saddle and getting ready to start the New Year off with a bang. These last few months leading up to the New Year, I have been doing a devotional by Ann Spangler called "The Names of Jesus". I am actually on the very last name in the book, and I believe Ann saved the best for last. The name "I AM" has so many different facets it's unbelievable. Just take a second and think about it. "I AM". What an all encompassing name. Yet at the same time, it's so stable. If you remember back in Exodus, "I AM" was also the name God the Father gave himself when he was talking to Moses in the burning bush. Later on, Jesus refers to himself as "I AM" many times: "I AM the bread of life." "I AM the vine." "I AM the way, the truth and the life." Anytime I hear the name "I AM", I'm always reminded of the youth group in Enid, who when studying the name of God, "I AM", made t-shirts that said on the front "I AM not", then on the back said, "But I know I AM". Isn't it great to rest in the fact that we are not, but we know the ONE who is? We don't have to be anything, because God always is.

On a ministry note, this week kicks off a few things worth some time in prayer! Tomorrow starts our annual mission's trip, HADIME, for our own Latino youth here in GDL. We will be training for 4 days, ministering for 4, and then having a 2 day debrief. For our ministering time, we are headed to another state to minister to a group of indigenous Mexicans, working in their local school and community.

Please pray for the youth going on this trip that they would continue to hear God's call on their lives, and desire to serve Him with everything they have. Also pray for the group we're ministering too – the Porepechas, that they would hear, understand, and desire to learn more about I AM.

Later on this week, we will be delivering 324 shoebox gifts to 324 kids in my neighborhood! Yes, you heard right, Samaritans Purse "Operation Christmas Child," has hit my neighborhood, San Jose de Quince. We plan on presenting a salvation message for each child and their parents this Saturday (January 9), and giving them a shoebox gift before they leave. Most of our boxes have come to us from Denver/Aurora area, so a big shout out to those of you who sent us boxes this year! **Please be in prayer for the organization, leadership, and overall crowd control of this event on Saturday. Also pray for the kids and parents who will be hearing the Gospel message as well, that they would be eager to listen, and eager to understand more about Him.**

I can't ever give enough thanks for all the prayers, encouragement, and support each of you has sent my way. Anytime you have a free moment, feel free to drop me a line; I would love to hear from you. May God continue to bless each of you throughout this New Year!

Much Love,

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