

¡Feliz Navidad!

...and they shall call his name *Emmanuel*, which being interpreted is, *God with us*. **May the Prince of Peace be with you this Christmas season!**



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Clara: Christmas is extra special this year! We decided with our four grown kids that we would all pool the money we usually spend on gifts for each other and assist a family in need in the Jacksonville, FL area. (Of course, Grandma bought gifts for the seven grandkids ranging in age from 2 to 8)! Through a contact that Andrea made with the Children's Hospital, we decided to assist a young family from Mexico whose son is less than one year old and is under going treatment for leukemia. The family is in great financial need. On December 22, we delivered to the their home gifts, gifts card for food and cash totaling over \$1000. We had prayer in the home and we ask you to join us in prayer for God's healing touch on little "Alan."

I have been working with the Women's Ministries in the Ibero-America Area. We are preparing for the 2nd Area Convention to be held in **Puebla, Mexico**, February 18-21, 2010. Much has gone into the scheduling and promotion of this grand occasion with women from **Latin America** and including, **Spain**, and two countries in **Africa, Equatorial Guinea and Mali**. We look forward to coming together for a time of refreshing of spirits and making a difference in our world. Dr. Jo Anne Lyon and Mrs. Martha Blackburn are among the speakers for the event. We hope to have 500 ladies attending from 20 countries. If some of you ladies want to join us, please contact me.



Rick: Clara and I want you to know that your prayers, phone calls, emails, letters, cards, visits, invitations to visit, financial support and in some cases the opportunity to travel together in ministry has been a huge source of encouragement to us all during the year. You have assisted us in fulfilling the call God has placed on our hearts for ministry to the Spanish-Portuguese speaking world. During the five ministry visits to the **Dominican Republic** along with two visits to **Panama**, and visits to **Spain, Colombia and Mexico** this year, we witnessed the power of God at work in the lives of Pastors, leaders as people have come to and grown in Christ. We were also blessed to promote missions local churches in the **USA**. One of the highlights of the year was participating in the IX JIBACAM Missions Conference in **Panama** in October. During that time ground work was laid for our visit to **Cuba** next month. God willing JIBACAM we will begin ministry there in 2010 with Pastor Nehemias (on the right in the photo) and partnering with 18 congregations and 19 preaching points.

God's Richest Blessing to you in 2010, Rick & Clara West