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Traditional Christmas in Mexico is celebrated with piñatas & candy. The season begins December 12 with the veneration of Guadalupe, an incarnation of Mary. The timing of the celebration coincides with Mexico's ancient worship of the sun. During the nine darkest days of winter, the Aztecs celebrated the god of the sun, pleading for his return and praising both the sun and his virgin mother goddess. People meander from house to house reenacting Mary and Joseph's search for a place of refuge. They stop at homes that have an outdoor altar to Guadalupe and enjoy refreshments of tamales and a drink made of rice and cinnamon. That goes on until Dec 24, when they celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. January 6th is the celebration of the Three Kings, breaking piñatas and eating bunt cakes in which a small image of the Christ child is baked. Whoever gets the piece with the Christ child has to throw a party with tamales in February for all who are in attendance.

Here at the community center, the moms and kids have been busy making piñatas for the celebrations. The piñatas dance in colorful crepe tissue paper. The little kids beam as they stick their hands into the bowls filled with glue. We tell them the Christmas story and the greatest gift ever given. We are making Christ the center of our celebration. Jesus is the reason for the season. He is making a difference in the lives of the children.

One father forbade his wife and two daughters from attending. He was sitting down to eat with his family. His daughter asked him if she could pray and thank God before they ate. She began by thanking God for her daddy and his job and for his hard work, for her mommies love and care and for God's provision for their family. Her father looked up from his food and told his wife, "The community center is good for my family, I want the girls to go back, and I must apologize to Pastor Lee." It's God's love that unshackles hard hearts

**Online Spanish  
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and seared minds, and frees men, women, boys and girls to know the truth. Born of a virgin, God came down to earth , to give His life so that others may live.

Merry Christmas!!

*Lee & Carol*

### Prayer & Project Needs

1. 5 folding tables and 40 chairs to make room for more children!!!
2. Favor, Protection, Provision & Health
3. Funding for continuing to develop the online Spanish Bible Institute ([www.Vidalnt.org](http://www.Vidalnt.org))
4. Sound equipment (Approximately \$1,000)
5. Funding for Construction
6. Ford F150 XL extended cab (reliable used)
7. Missionary support
8. Souls saved & Disciples made

**Thanks for praying!**

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