



# GREETINGS FROM THE SIERRA TARAHUMARA

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***See, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.***

Dear family and friends,

**W**e are now again in the season we call *Advent*, a special time of remembering and celebrating the coming of the Messiah. Many Jews probably expected him to be a savior, a liberator, for them as a nation. But as always, God does, as Paul puts it, “*abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.*” The good news is for *all the people*. It is the fulfillment of the promise God had given to Abraham, that in him *all the families* of the earth would be blessed. And at the end of His life on earth, the Messiah would command his followers to share the good news with *every creature in every nation*.

The angel was not exaggerating. The good news brings truly great joy. In the first place to those who hear and accept it, but also to those who share it. It brings great joy when we witness people and families being transformed when they learn to know their Creator, their Father, their Savior—when we witness them being set free from addictions, fears, violence, and thoughts that used to control their lives, and reaching the hope for eternal life with Jesus—hope that helps them overcome every trial in this present life, as Paul said, “*I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.*”

**I**n October, we returned to Creel after a year away from the ministry. Edith & I spent this time at the YWAM-Guadalajara base while Yoshiah and Hezekiel were most of this time under Carolina’s care with my sister in the Netherlands and the last six weeks with Michael & Deisi in Ithaca, NY. In October 2020 we began taking the online School of Biblical Studies, (SBS) which is an intensive course in which we study the Bible book by book. The course is mostly self-paced, and I have been taking much time per book than expected, in part because I am doing extra work that is not required for the course, and because we have also been spending time on other activities.

The end of August, Edith had an accident and broke her two wrists. Despite the pain and all the challenges it implied, we are deeply thankful to God for the way He protected Edith from worse consequences and for the marvelous support from so many friends, including the doctor and his staff who did the surgery she needed.

We look back with gratitude on a refreshing time, enjoying many hours together just the two of us, having many edifying conversations and encouraging times of fellowship with our YWAM-family at the Guadalajara base, growing in insight and understanding of many Bible passages, and hearing from God about the next phase in our lives as a couple, as a family, and in the ministry.

Also for Yoshiah and Hezekiel this was a time of many new experiences. Besides their regular homeschool work, Carolina made trips with them to several cities in and outside the Netherlands. And of course, they also had the opportunity to make new friends in a different part of the world.

Also for Enrique and Marianita, who were in charge of the ministry during this year, this has been a time of much growth in their leadership and teaching abilities. Despite the Covid-related restrictions, they were able to continue the One-Week-per Month Bible study program as well as to receive visiting teams.

We have been back in Creel now for about seven weeks. It has been a busy time, visiting many people, receiving visitors, visiting churches, etc. Many people made us feel very welcome, in the Christian community here in the mountains as well as at stores and businesses in Creel where people had noticed and wondered about our absence.

Many of you may remember Esteban & Cristina. Cristina started serving with us in 2012 and after their marriage in 2017 they continued together for another two years. After their time away from the ministry they returned in October this year. Together with them and with Enrique & Marianita we are now in the process of planning the programs for next year and getting the facilities ready.

### Plans for 2022

- One-Week-per-Month (1WpM).

Enrique & Marianita will continue as leaders of the 1WpM program which has now become a practically all-Tarahumara program, almost entirely taught in their native language. Enrique & Marianita have the support from several other Tarahumara DTS alumni who take turns teaching the classes and leading the devotion and reflection times. Edith & I will still be involved as counselors, and I will still occasionally be teaching classes.



*Esteban & Cristina with Judah and Emma*



*One-Week-per-Month Class*

- Discipleship Training School (DTS)  
We plan to have our 2022 DTS from January 10 till June 25. Esteban & Cristina will be leading the course. We are in communication with several Tarahumara and Mestizo candidates, but we have no confirmations yet. Although the focus of our ministry is the preparation of Tarahumara leaders, for the DTS we prefer to see a mixed group of students.

- Outreach to the communities.

Our plan is to continue visiting San Luis Majimachi, Rowérachi, Rikinápuchi and other communities on a

regular basis, in occasions together with visiting short-term teams.

- Our own activities.

Edith & I will be involved all programs. However, now that we are delegating many of our responsibilities, we also plan to take time for other activities, like the continuation of the online SBS as well as others, that we often did not have time for in the past, for example, visiting more churches, in the mountains as well as in the wider region. Next year, we will also be exploring the possibilities to share what we are learning at the SBS with the most advanced Tarahumara students/leaders.

The purpose of each of these activities is to expand the great joy of salvation through our Messiah and to see the people of the Sierra Tarahumara become part of His eternal Kingdom. It is our desire that our letter will also bring joy to each of you through sharing what God is doing among the Tarahumara people. We are truly thankful for your support to YWAM-EPJ as well as for every way you are participating in God's mission to these people of the Sierra Tarahumara.

*The Kaemingk-family*