



# THE PERDOMO FAMILY

Serving the Lord as Missionaries in Central America

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## Our Way to Celebrate Christmas Amidst This Time of Crisis

This 2008 will probably be remembered as one of unexpected confusion and economic turbulence. Take into account, for example, that oil prices rose to more than \$147 a barrel and went down spectacularly to less than \$50 in a five-month period. The financial crisis in the U.S. provoked economic instability in many parts of the world, increased unemployment levels and brought discouragement and fears to many people. It is safe to say that 2008 moved us away from personal, family and national financial certainty.

We, as Christians, are not isolated from this crisis. Our acquisitive power has diminished and the decisions as to how we should spend our money are, more than before, delicate.

In a year such as this one, how are we going to celebrate Christmas? Many of us have thought of something less expensive and more simple; more in tune with these difficult times. Maybe this

year, we will spend less on Christmas gifts and the dinner. Of course, for some, Christmas is just an opportunity to share with the family, enjoy a Christmas dinner or share the joy of the children. For others, it's about admiring colorful Christmas lights or simply enjoying the joyful and nostalgic spirit of the season.

For us, this year of crisis is the perfect opportunity to celebrate once again the Grace of God through the Incarnation of His Son and through everything He has done for our family:

- 1) This will be a season to give Him thanks for our marriage which, by His mercy, is reaching thirteen satisfying and exciting years.
- 2) This Christmas season we will be grateful for our children, Kristian Alan and Kyrien Eleisha, who are pure joys and constant reminders of the Lord's perfect love.
- 3) We will remember and pray for each of you who have

been faithful throughout the year in your financial, moral and spiritual support. This has been a major blessing.

- 4) We will be grateful for the ministry God has trusted us with which is, by the grace of the Lord, developing in the lives of those we are serving.

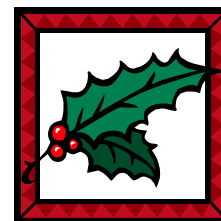
Of course, our intention is not to forget the crisis or to underestimate its grave implications. We are not trying to escape reality to seek refuge in an unreal fantasy. On the contrary, we believe that remembering what the Lord has given to us leads us to be better administrators of our money and time; leads us to be more generous to the needs of others and leads us to make a clear commitment to the Lord's work.

Yes. This will be a Christmas amidst a world in crisis. But for us, it will be a Christmas to declare that the Lord is the owner of our lives, of our present and future, of our family and ministry. In this conviction, we find the hope

that the shepherds experienced on the original Christmas. In that strong and sublime truth, we find refuge to make this season a real celebration of life; a feast for God's Grace and a Monument to the Sovereignty of the Creator of the Universe. When we remember these indubitable facts, it causes us say with all our strength and with all of our hearts:

**Merry Christmas, Dear Friends!**

**May the Peace of the Lord be with you always!**



## Prayer Requests

- We have written ten New Testament Children's Lessons for the Church. Praise the Lord! Next year, we will continue this project.
- Dorys has started a Teenage Girls Bible Study.

There are 6-8 that are participating. Please pray that the Lord will help them to be faithful.

- Please pray for our trip to the U.S. We will be there January 20th to March 2nd.

- Please pray for Dorys as she writes a book for women on the Minor Prophets.
- Please pray for the financial situation of our church, Christian Family Center.

