



1. My birthday celebration at Tharsis;
2. The candy canes I gave Salma's family;
3. A meal with the Ukrainian family, visiting a live Bethlehem;
4. Christmas festivities at church.

Transformational Truth

This past week has been a full one as I have gotten back into routines and reconnected with loved ones here. On Wednesday, I went to the home of my dear friend Salma. We talked for many hours and before leaving, I gave them candy canes from the US and began to use them to share the gospel. At this very moment, a disagreement began between her and her oldest son. The home environment was suddenly very tense. I stayed longer and listened as she expressed worries and concerns. I shared some words of wisdom as she asked. I ended up leaving the candy canes and sending an audio message later with the message of the gospel. She responded by thanking me for

sharing, and saying that it was a "pretty story." Let us continue praying for her heart, that she would one day not only see it as a pretty story, but also as a transformational Truth.

This week I have also reconnected with the dear Ukrainian family who lost the mother to breast cancer at the beginning of this year. The mother would have turned 45 on December 10th. We have enjoyed food together, remembered her life and thanked the Lord for his faithfulness. Let's keep praying for this family that they would know and love Jesus with all of their heart.

PRAISE AND PRAYER ITEMS:

- * Praise that the church Christmas service yesterday went very well! We had many visitors who heard the good news of the gospel! Please pray for those seeds that were planted!
- * Praise that in one week my sister will be in Spain with her husband and 2 kids. Please pray for a sweet time together as they visit from Dec 24-30.
- * Pray for the food distribution that we will be having this week on Dec 18, 19 and 20. Pray that we can show the love of Jesus to those that we serve.

- * Pray for an important meeting that our team will have today, Dec 18.
- * On Dec 21st, I will host ladies from Tharsis at my apartment for a time of cookie decorating. There will be believers and nonbelievers so please pray for good conversations, gospel opportunities, and for the Lord to be glorified!



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