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1. Gingerbread cookies that I made and decorated as gifts
2. Kings Day celebrations
3. Orange trees that are currently lining the streets of Jerez.

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ORANGE TREES | May your 2024 be as fruitful as those orange trees

As I write this email, the orange trees in Jerez are full of fruit and the holiday season in Spain has officially ended. January 6th we celebrated King's Day which is much like American Christmas Day with gift giving and family time. It was a special time and so valuable to reflect on Mark 2:1-12 where the wise men visited Jesus. Imagine these 3 dignified men with their garb and their gifts, bowing before a child and worshiping Him. What a scene! May our hearts always be humble before our King Jesus as we offer him something more valuable than gold, frankincense or myrrh - we offer Him our very lives.

PRAISE AND PRAYER ITEMS:

- * Praise for the opportunity to return to the Spanish classes at Tharsis. It was sweet to see the students again after the holiday vacation.
- * Praise for the opportunities to celebrate Kings Day with the Espada family. We went to a parade on Friday where the Kings were welcomed into town and then did gift giving on Saturday.
- * Pray for physical healing for loved ones and peace from the Lord.
- * I was not able to host my Saharawi friends last week but we have re-scheduled the cookie decorating for tomorrow, Wednesday. Pray I would be able to share stories around Christ's birth and there would be open hearts and ears to hear.
- * We have a team meeting on Thursday where we will strategize and make plans for 2024. Please pray for guidance and discernment from the Holy Spirit as we want to pursue the things that He has for us this year.