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Attached pictures show shapshots of the different groups I got to host in my home last week. There is also a photo of the Tharsis Spanish teacher giving one of the students a pair of tennis shoes because he didn't own any and until now hasn't been able to find a pair big enough for his size 13 foot. Despite the cold temperatures, the poor guy has been coming to Spanish class in sandals and socks - but now his feet will be nice and warm! :-)



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Reconnecting

Last week was a full week of reconnecting and getting back into routines! I love hosting and was able to do so Wednesday, Thursday and Friday! Wednesday some of my Saharawi friends came over for a short visit and speedy cookie decorating. My Christmas decorations were still up, so I was able to engage with them naturally around Christ's birth. Thursday we had our first team meeting of the new year and began discussing our vision and strategy in different areas. It was a blessing to seek the Lord in prayer and begin these conversations. On Friday I hosted the dear Ukrainian family and it was such a special time! As we were saying our goodbyes, I gave the 9 year old boy a hug and said, "I'm so glad you had a good time!" and he said, "phenomenal!" :-)



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PRAISE AND PRAYER ITEMS:

- * Praise for opportunities to gather with some of my Saharawi friends and share stories around Christ's birth. I hope to reconnect with my friend Selmu this week, since she recently returned home from traveling. Please pray that we can connect!
- * Praise for our team meeting and all that the Lord has in store for 2024. Please pray that we hear and move with the Holy Spirit and that He would bring much fruit in this year for His honor and glory.
- * Praise that we were able to restart our discipleship meetings after taking a break for the holidays. Please pray for spiritual growth and blessing over the North African mom and daughter.
- * Pray for a short term volunteer that we will have starting next week. Pray the Lord blesses his time and uses him to bless our ministry here.
- * Pray for continued physical healing for loved ones and peace from the Lord.



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