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The GOOD news is that things in El Salvador are getting back to what we consider to be "normal" – which means I am back to a full schedule each week at school and church. But that means I'm not at my computer very often, and when I am, I'm focused on lesson plans for Sunday School and English classes. I apologize for not sending an update sooner in 2022 – and for being behind on answering emails. **In this case, no news is truly good news!**



### DEC 2021 UPDATE: NAVIDAD con JESUS

I will begin where I last left off with the special project **Christmas with JESUS**. Wow! It was such a blessing to visit all the Methodist Churches in El Salvador and share gifts representing the amazing love of Jesus Christ. **THANK YOU** to all who supported this project in many special ways. This was a combined effort between Bishop Juan, the youth of IEMES, Christian Education of IEMES and supporting UMC churches. We planned a program including songs, drama, and a special message for the children at each church. Everything was intentionally designed to draw attention to the gracious love of Christ rather than material presents. It was truly a refreshing activity for each of the children's ministry communities that we visited. I believe that this will become a favorite activity to be repeated for years to come. We visited all 13 churches in 5 days and delivered 400 Christmas bags to children and pre-teens. **PRAISE BE TO GOD!**

## January 2021 UPDATE: Graduation and Back to School

In January the Methodist school celebrated graduation of Preparatory (6-year-old Kindergarten), Middle School, and Highschool. This was our 6<sup>th</sup> year of celebrating preparatory graduation, 2<sup>nd</sup> year of celebrating ninth grade graduation and very first year of celebrating high school graduation. Public school education traditionally ends for most Salvadoran students at ninth grade. There is only one public high school in Ahuachapan that fills up quickly, meaning that many students are unable to study at the high school level. While the Methodist school is a private school, we aim to serve students from all economic backgrounds, giving opportunity to youth who otherwise would not be able to study at the high school level.

## February 2021 UPDATE: The Return of Sunday School at La Providencia IEMES

On Sunday, February 21, La Providencia Methodist Church celebrated the re-opening of Sunday School after it was forced closed by the government restrictions due to covid-19 in March 2020. Children, families, and teachers were so happy for this previous weekly ministry to return once again. God blessed this day with 12 volunteers and 52 very happy children and youth. We celebrated with music, games, and of course, a piñata. I have been invited to serve as the director of Christian Education at La Providencia Methodist Church and am preparing the weekly lessons plans, training the teachers, and filling in as needed. This is exactly the inspiration I needed to get back into developing more Sunday School resources for the larger IEMES.



## March 2022 Update - Settling into Routine

Now that most everything that plans to begin anew is up and going, March is a time for settling into routine and communicating with those who are praying for God's perfect plans to come to life in each of these ministries. Thank you so much for your support. Your prayers and words of encouragement remind me that we are never alone in the call to serve Jesus. Frequently I have moments of feeling overwhelmed and wondering how I will get everything done and still be a loving wife and mom and that's when God reminds me that He doesn't expect the work to be done by my strength, but by HIS. And He perfectly provides EVERY SINGLE TIME.

Faithfully shared in Christ's love and service,  
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