

# Merry Christmas from all of us at City of Refuge!



Happy Holidays! Can you believe it's Christmas time again? We at the children's home just gathered recently to celebrate Thanksgiving in an incredibly awesome party! We started with a special service in which our children sang praises to God and thanked Him for everything He has given them, including a home, people to care for them, a family, and a chance at a better life. Because someone made a special donation to our home, the children were then able to enjoy a delicious feast of ham, turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, fresh bread, and desserts in a beautiful, formal dinner, lit by Christmas lights.

Now we are planning for Christmas. With at least three parties to plan for, it will be exciting. This year, we are going to have our children form two choirs and sing at each of their parties. We have many new children in our home, some who have never made memories to put into their "Holiday Memories" box. One 14-year-old boy stated, "It's been more than four years since I celebrated Christmas, and I like the idea. It feels good to remember!"

As we enter into this special season, our home is full of joy, because that is what we are—a home, not an orphanage. And we are able to be a home because people like you make it happen for us. We are able to buy all the food, clothe the children, send them to school, and love them, because you sacrifice money from your finances so that children less fortunate than yourselves can be blessed by it.

If you would like to send a simple gift to help us celebrate our Christmas this year, we would be grateful and honored to receive it. The list below will give you some helpful suggestions. We thank you for supporting us all this year, and we are happy to include you in our celebrations as one of our family. *Mi casa es su casa.* We wish you all Happy Holidays and a very Feliz Navidad.

Would you like to be part of our Christmas celebration this year and be a blessing to us? Here are some great gift ideas for our children:

- ★ Colored underwear (not white) for boys and girls (sizes 4T—Adult)
- ★ Colored socks (not white) for boys and girls (sizes Child S—Adult)
- ★ Warm Jackets for boys and girls (sizes 4T—Adult)
- ★ Warm Blankets
- ★ Equipment for baseball & soccer

Presents can be sent to the address below. If you prefer, you can send an end-of-year contribution instead. Either way, we thank you for blessing us this Christmas with the gift of your love. May God bless you and your family with the gift of His love!

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