

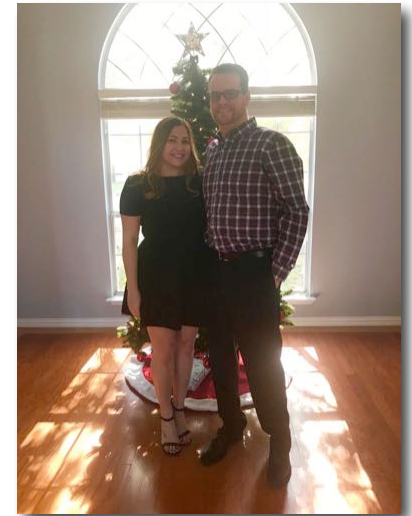
The Ortegas 2017 Christmas Note

"God with us"

Sarai and Sylvia spend sister-quality time.



Franc & Mary enjoy serving the Lord at Maranatha and in Cuba



Brad and Priscilla enjoy their newly acquired house in Dallas



Our church has organized Christmas concerts for the past 22 years. The offering raised on those evening goes toward missions. This time we raised \$600.00 for Ecuador.

All participants are properly recognized and appreciated at the end of the event.



Last Notes ~ Please pray for Nino, Mary's brother in Panama, who suffered a stroke. Speaking of Panama, we are praying for God's provision for us to be able to go there next March. Sarai's health is not good and is presently considering options. We praise God for Sylvia's medical report, showing that her aorta has not increased in diameter over the last 6 months. Our 2018 plans - Maranatha's theme for next year is **"Come and see"**, taken from John 1:39. We are really looking forward to a discipleship training next month. I also have a trip to Cuba in January to introduce a great friend and long-time professor at the Rio Grande Bible School to my beloved Cuban friends. He will be a great help in their new Bible training program. I have also been invited and now commissioned to go to Ecuador in July to conduct a pastors' conference. Lourdes, originally from Maranatha, married a national Ecuadorian and they are conducting a great ministry in Loja, Ecuador.

Once again, thank you so very much for your love, prayerful and financial support.

May you have yourselves a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! **Eternally grateful...The Ortegas**

