

Judy's Jottings

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Give thanks with a grateful heart!

It's Thanksgiving this Thursday and as I look back on the past year I have so much to give thanks for. God has been faithful in so many ways. I had a wonderful 9 months back in NZ, as I prepared to come back to Puerto Rico long term. He gave me good closure to my job at van Asch Deaf Education Center and has provided the prayer and financial support I needed to return. He has helped me to settle back into life here. It's a joy to be here and to see God at work.

My day is always exciting and different. One of my recent joys is to watch Edgar, our youngest student as he prays. He is not using many signs yet, but when he prays he closes his eyes and moves his hands about (no real signs used) and then signs a very emphatic Amen when he has finished. It's so cute to see. I am sure God must smile as He watches him. Please pray for this little boy to know what it truly means for him to know Jesus. There are custody issues within the family and he may go to live else where, meaning he will not be able attend school here.

We have played the hand bells twice recently. One of these performances was last Friday night in the local city plaza. Each are sets up displays for Christmas and they open with a concert, where the mayor turns the lights on. We played three tunes and it went really well. Over the month of December we have several more performances booked. Please pray that these will go well and that people may see the love of Jesus through our performances and what we say and do. I have not been practicing the bells this year, as Christina and I supervise the younger students at that time. I agreed to

fill in if required. Both times I have been needed. I managed to get through the performances without too many mistakes.

The big news family wise is the expected arrival of my second grandchild. Aaron and Sarah will have their first child at the end of May 2009. I am looking forward to meeting the newest member of the family when I come back to NZ for the months of June and July. Part of my visa requirements say I have to show an enduring relationship with New Zealand, so I will come while the school is closed for their summer vacations.

GIVE PRAISE FOR:

- Growth in my American sign language
- Edgar beginning to understand and use some signs
- My left hand returning to normal

PRAY FOR:

- Our witness as we play the bells and talk with people about the true meaning of Christmas
- Continued growth of understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus among the students
- Me as I assist, once a month, in the nursery at my church here. That I can relate to the young children there and they will understand me. Their first language is Spanish, although they seem to understand and talk a little English.
- Me as I spend my first ever Christmas away from family.
- Edgar's family to be able to agree to do what is best for the child.