# **Community In Acts**

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<sup>Luke 2:4-5</sup> "So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child."

I would like to speculate about Joseph during these busy days. He and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem to register. His wife, not just pregnant but about to give birth. Travel must have been extremely difficult. Packing for a wife-to-be who is about due was difficult and detailed. I would imagine many stops for rest and other needs. All of this because the government required the registration. I could easily see Joseph complaining, trying to come up with a different scenario – perhaps send a notarized letter... Yet, in the midst of those painful inconveniences, God was at work fulfilling Scripture. Jesus' birth was prophesied that He would be born in Bethlehem. Don't let this season's details distract you. God is using all of the minutia and you to fulfill His Word. Be encouraged!

### **Church Conference**

After speaking with the leader of the Northern churches, Lazaro Ponce, we decided to postpone the conference. We are trusting the Lord has something greater in mind. That said, we were a bit discouraged. So, in leu of the conference, we will use this time to plan out our ministry calendar for 2022. If you or your church are planning on coming down, please let us now ASAP.

## **Year End Planning**

We will be going to the El Oasis camp to spend the day planning out 2022. We are excited to see churches begin to send teams. We have been contacted by several churches already and anticipate a busy year. Our weekly commitments will continue and our goal of doing four conferences continues to be a main focus, but we will include the new stream of teams into the calendar.

# Kid's Club

We are very encouraged by Juan and Jabir. Our ministries continue to expand as they tackle the church plant in San Nicholas. Due to their faithfulness in the after-school-program, they were able to begin a kid's club. There is much more freedom in teaching Scriptural truths and doing more of a Sunday School format with games. The first Kid's club had over 40 children.

### **Prayer Requests**

- 1. Pray for wisdom as we plan out 2022.
- 2. Pray for provision to do the four church planting conferences approx. 4,000 USD. per conference.
- 3. Pray for Juan and Jabir as they faithfully teach God's Word.
- 4. Pray for the young ones who will hear the Gospel for the first time.