



Ñandejára Ropotýgui!

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Christmas had passed some days ago, but we are still in the holiday season, so I want to wish you all the happiest of holidays!

Merry Christmas or Feliz Navidad in Paraguayan Guaraní is Ñandejára Ropotýgui, pronounced nyahn-deh-HAH-rah roh-poh-TEE-gee. Let's try that again, nyahn-deh-HAH-rah roh-poh-TEE-gee. *I love it!*

I doubt I will even master basic conversational Guaraní while in Paraguay, but I think it is important to be actively interested in picking up words and phrases. After all this is their land and we are simply settlers and guests on it.

This was not my first solo Christmas overseas. I have spent the holidays in Nicaragua, Chile, United Kingdom, and Spain without family, but this is the first year overseas I put up my own tree! Story to follow.

overview December

With the year winding down so have the activities:

- Nearly completed the grade 5 English workbook.
 - Sis Bir has reviewed it and has given me the green light to proceed to complete and commence the grade six book.
- As per norm, and my favourite, taught Sunday school.
- For our Christmas service I sang solo, 'O Holy Night,' in my native Cree language.
- Travelled outside of the metro area to Itá in the craziest rainstorm for a lady's conference.
- Spent Christmas with the Missionaries family.
 - Had the pleasure to meet their son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter who are visiting from Chile where they are missionaries.
- This also serves as a prayer request.
 - I've been dealing with nonstop technical issues and failures from my backup drives, computer, iPad and pen display, which has been costing me money and time for repairs and replacements.

- I need all these things to function properly and without disruption for my illustration and design work which bring in income to support my stay here and support a lot of the AIM work I do.

Prayer Request

We covet your prayer for Missionary Bir. Last week he had surgery for herniated discs. It will be a long recovery and we desire his recovery to go textbook perfect!



Lady's Conference

The rain could not keep us ladies away.

Let me tell you, I was convinced we were going to have to bunker in town over night because the rain caused a lot of flash floods en-route. Missionary Bir, so kindly drove us, or should I say glided the wheels over the flood waters like Jesus walked on sea of Galilee. (I know this because the ride back home was super bumpy from endless potholes we did not drop in on the way in!)

Upon arrival we were greeted with a group of men who created a giant umbrella with a tarp to keep us dry from car to entrance, while woman used broom to sweep the pooling water at the entrance out of the church. It was nearly a full house, and the two messages delivered were in perfect harmony with each other. God tested our willingness to brave the elements and blessed us for it.



Christmas service

Our church in Lambaré held a special Christmas service. Pastor Anthony's daughter's performed a beautiful song, the eldest sang a solo accompanied by her sister on the piano. The youth preformed a skit along with Sister Sandra that delivered a powerful message reminding us of the passage of [Matthew 25:37-40](#) is the true spirit of Christmas.

I sang a solo, which is something I have not done in front of a crowd in about 15 years. My voice shook every second, and I even stopped to say "oops" when a mistake was made. <insert facepalm here :P > I sang 'O Holy Night' in Cree and in English. It is my most favourite song ever. It is most beautiful in Cree. Listen to it sung by a Plains Cree artist [here](#) (yeah right I am gonna share my rendition of it!)

Pastor Anthony wrapped up the service with a short but lovely message.



Christmas! but make it pink.

We drove past a store, and I saw a tacky pink Christmas tree in the display. I quickly took a picture of the intersection for the map information

and hunted the place down the very next day.

You see I tried to get my mom to bring my mini pink Christmas tree with her, but she was difficult about it. (Just messing with you, mom, I know it was not feasible.)

Long story short, I was able take that tree home for a steal of a deal, and with my artist eye and opted for one-to-many-ramen-noodle lunches I was able with a small budget transform the tree into something rather lovely.

Before I left, one of my fundraising ideas was for people to send me words of encouragement on mini luggage tags. I actually brought them with me, and I hung them on the tree, messages facing outwards. So, thank you to those that participated in that fundraiser, it has warmed my heart on multiple occasions.



I am so grateful for to all those that helped sending me to this lovely nation. Please, continue to cover Paraguay, the mission work, and the christian school in your prayers.

If you desire to be apart of the revival in Paraguay please consider making a one-time donation or become a monthly Partner in Missions (PIM).

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