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Dear Christian friends,

Please accept our greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We're just coming to the end of another year and 14 of them have now passed since the Lord led us to this area. Every year that passes is another year walking under the powerful hand of our God and proving the experience of always being safe under His protection and guidance.

With God's help and with the unconditional support of many brothers and sisters like yourselves in different parts of the world, we've been able to make progress with our ministry. We've held the Camps for Young People which were planned (one in summer and two in the winter holidays); we've also had the two-week intensive course for future deacons in Juárez in September and October, and 3 Pastoral Conferences (in each of the provinces of Salta, Chaco and Formosa) and also pastoral visits to the 14 zones of the indigenous work in our diocese. As well as all this, a new church has been built in Alto de la Sierra (Salta province) which is soon to be inaugurated. We were able to complete everything that had been planned with the Indigenous Pastoral Commission for this year.

As for family matters, we give thanks to God that all is well. Saraí and Marcos have finished school for this year and have both done very well; they have both gone up into the next class without having to retake exams. Marina is very well; she also has just finished another year as Deputy Head of the (Primary) school, and our parents who live in Salta are still in fairly good health, although with every passing year we notice their age more. This year on Dec 6th Marina's parents celebrated their Golden Wedding and we went to join in the big family celebration.

We also want to thank you all most sincerely for your support and to send you our best wishes for a very happy Christmas Day, spent in peace and harmony, and for a New Year full of hopes and aspirations, trusting that with the help of God, each of these may be fulfilled during the year.

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year, and may God bless you all. We love you all very much.

In Christ,

René, Marina, Saraí and Marcos