



Thankfully Annoyed (by Joe and Karin)



Karin gets annoyed more often now and I am really thankful for that! Six months ago, I could listen to music or podcasts on my cell phone and she wouldn't even notice it. Now, she can hear so much better that I have to use headphones. She also can enjoy music again, although music with a cochlear implant can sometimes sound strange

and unpleasant. We are thankful for the progress she is making in distinguishing similar sounding words and we do her training every day. We even can enjoy Christmas music together!

This past month was a joyful time. We had our Christmas celebration with our women's group. We played games, acted out the story of Jesus' birth, ate good food (Tamales! Yumm!) and had presents for the women

and children. This year, we were thankful to see all our staff helping so creatively and energetically.

Now, we are enjoying our Christmas break with friends and our church. Friendship is so important! Yet we still miss our kids and Karin's Mom a lot!

Most of all we are thankful that God

sent the Lord Jesus to earth. He is our **Saviour and Lord, who brings life and joy to all who receive Him!** He saved us and is sending us to go out and tell everyone the good, good news!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are praying that



God will bless you and keep you on the wonderful path He has for your life!

*Happy New Years and
many blessings in 2025!*

Joe and Karin

