

* * * NO CHIMNEY REQUIRED * * *

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We trust you are all doing well, and enjoying this Christmas season!

We are so glad to be able to spend this Christmas with Marie's family in Miami. A significant surprise awaited us here: an enormous leak in the roof of our home that we share with Marie's dad! A few days after our arrival, a good portion of the ceiling in the guest bedroom collapsed. We opened up the ceiling a bit more so that the water from the leak in the roof could fall directly to the bedroom floor, and that day we collected over ten gallons of water. Yikes!

The hole in the roof seems large enough that Santa might mistake it for the chimney, which could be a good thing, since we don't have a chimney. So we're not sure whether to leave the repairs until after Christmas (in the hopes of getting some presents from Santa – though possibly just a few lumps of coal), or repair it immediately.

As we see all the Christmas decorations and celebrations around us, we're again struck with the truth that while we live in a land of spiritual light and plenty, many people in the world today remain ignorant of Christ's sacrifice on their behalf. It's our prayer this Christmas that God would be preparing people young and old to do what they can to make sure that next Christmas more people know about the One who offers the best gift of all, with no chimney required.

We're thankful that many Maco people are celebrating Christmas this year understanding the deeper significance of Jesus' birth. You've had a part in making that a reality for them! Thanks so much for working with us through prayer, through giving, and through so many other ways!

From us to you: Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Davey and Marie