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One of my favorite names for Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. Christmas reminds us that Jesus, the divine who took on our humanity, totally understands us (our temptations, problems, needs, stresses) because he experienced it first-hand. We, therefore, can turn to Jesus because we can trust him.



José, one of the few men to attend the parenting class given by a work team at a small Baptist church, spoke up. "My wife and I are in a difficult situation. I'm worried about our four kids." Afterwards, I was able to speak to him alone. José was in pain over a seemingly irreconcilable relationship with his wife, who had originally brought him to Christ but now wanted nothing to do with the church. Their home life was stressful and he wanted to be there for their children but wasn't sure how much more he could take of total rejection.

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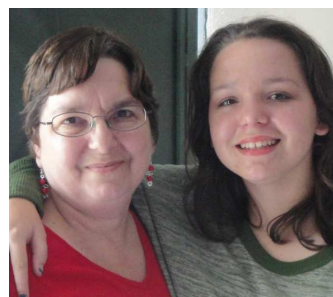
This was not my typical ministry situation, but because I had experienced his situation first-hand, I felt called to talk with him. I shared with José how I recognized his feelings and honored him for wanting to do the right thing. I also gave him a few practical ideas and committed to pray for his family situation. You, too, can pray!

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As Christians, we are called to reflect God's love to others as Jesus does with us. You have done so with me as you have supported ministry in Costa Rica this past year with the Baptist Federation of Churches and Pastoral Care for Women. Thank you for that!



Medically, it has not been a great year. In March, I underwent surgery for a burst appendix. I thank God for surviving and for great medical care here. Then, in October, I underwent surgery again after breaking my fibula in several places. I now have a titanium plate and five screws in my right ankle as I begin a long process of recovery. We have so appreciated your prayers and notes, accompanying us in the recuperation processes.

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Katy and I wish you a season of experiencing "God with us" as we remember Christ's coming to earth as a helpless baby who grew into a man, living on this earth, facing all things that we face.

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And may you remember to represent God's love to someone else (as you received from Jesus) in this coming year.



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