

2025







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Recap 2025





Dear friends,

As we look back on 2025, our hearts are once again filled with gratitude. God's unfailing goodness moves our hearts to thank Him for all the blessings received. Throughout this year, He has continued to reveal His faithful Providence, allowing us to witness countless signs of His love in the lives of our neighbors, missionaries, volunteers, staff, and friends.

Every encounter in Pamplona Alta reminds us that Christian hope is never an abstract idea. It becomes tangible whenever someone is welcomed with dignity, whenever a lonely person discovers they are not forgotten, whenever a volunteer learns that serving another is, in fact, an encounter with Christ Himself. These are the quiet miracles that God continues to work through this ministry.

It is deeply humbling to realize that the Lord allows us to participate in His work. Despite our poverty and limitations, He continues to use ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. Every staircase built, every retaining wall completed, every shared meal, prayer, laugh, embrace, dance, conversation, and moment of joy becomes part of a much greater story: the story of a Father who never ceases to seek His children.

Bridges has never been about construction projects alone. It is about building communion, restoring hope, and reminding one another that every human person possesses an immeasurable dignity because each one is infinitely loved by God.

To all of our missionaries, volunteers, donors, and friends: thank you for walking this journey with us. Your generosity, prayers, sacrifices, and trust make this mission possible. You are not simply supporters of *Bridges*: you are an essential part of this family, united by the desire to bring Christ's love to those He has entrusted to our care.

Please know that you're always in our hearts and prayers.
With deep affection and gratitude,

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Ministry





Jesus is the center of our mission. Any amount of love that we can share with those around us, most especially our neighbors, flows directly from His Sacred Heart.

Through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the celebration of Holy Mass, we have the joy of sharing His gift of Eucharistic grace with our neighbors each week.

We have the immense privilege of welcoming generous, joyful, and faithful priests who, with great reverence and solemnity, allow us to encounter the Lord Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.



"I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth".

Psalms 121:1-2









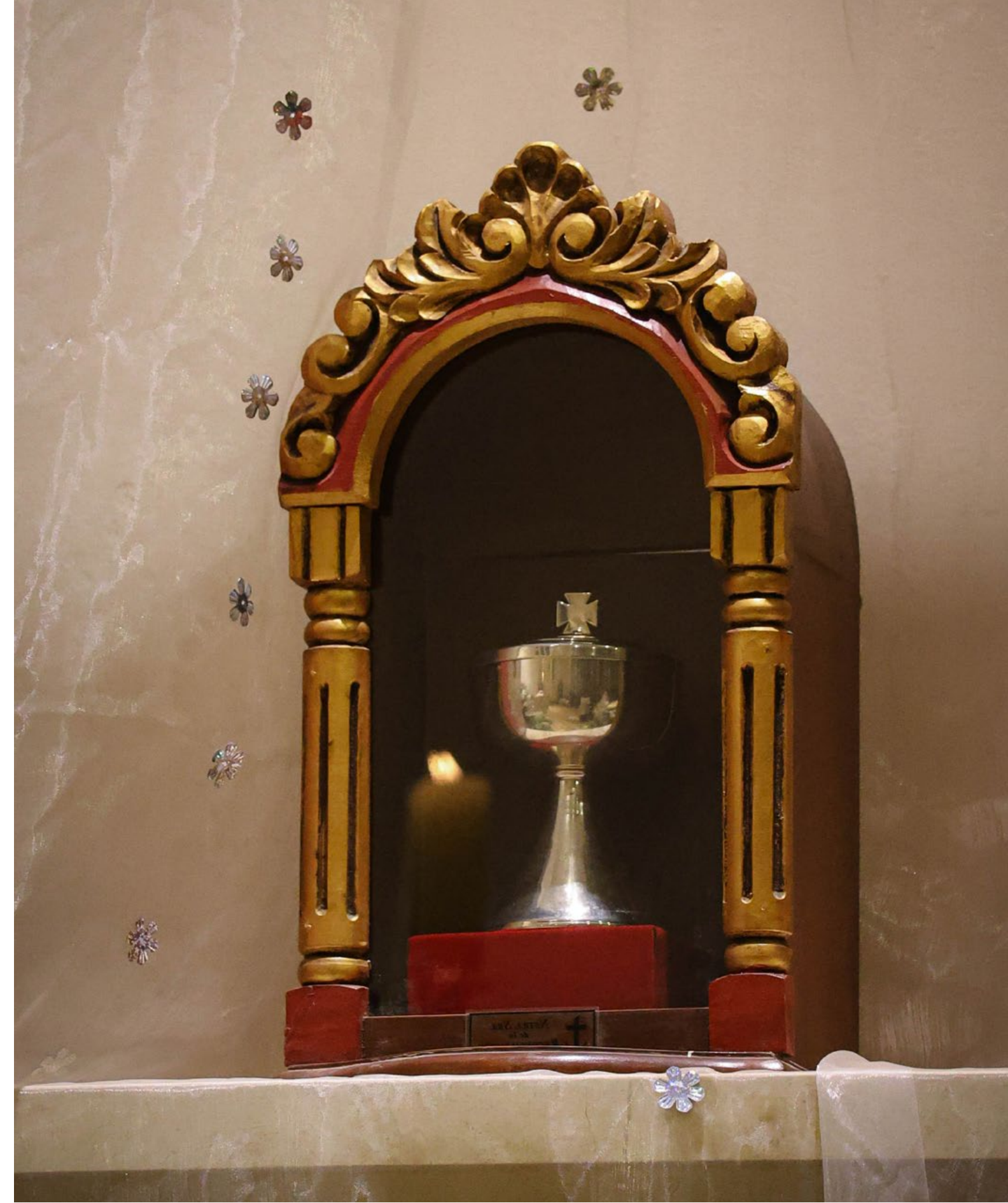
“My heart says to thee,
‘Thy face, Lord, do I seek’”.

Psalm 27:8













During Holy Week, we unite our hearts to the Heart of Christ, following Him through the sorrow of Calvary and the stillness of the tomb, that, having shared in the mystery of His Passion and Death, we may also rejoice in the radiant hope of His Resurrection.



“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you”.

Isaiah 60:1





Around Mary, we find ourselves united as one great family; and as we journey with our Mother, we do so with the quiet confidence that she never ceases to lead us into a deeper encounter with her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.







This year marks three consecutive years of praying the Holy Rosary with our neighbors twice a week. Bead by bead and prayer by prayer, we have found comfort, friendship, and the joyful assurance that She never ceases to lead us closer to the Heart of her Son.











“His lamp shone above my head,
and by his light I walked through darkness”.

Job 29:3





During Advent, we celebrated the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception. By lighting candles, we reflected on the gentle warmth of our Blessed Mother's love and on the beautiful example of faith and trust She offers through her wholehearted surrender to God. We also gathered with our neighbors to make Advent wreaths, preparing our hearts together to welcome the humble birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.





Projects





We hit the ground running in 2025 with multiple infrastructure projects throughout Pamplona. With the help of missionaries and benefactors, we built many retaining walls, staircases, and community spaces that support a more dignified way of living for our neighbors.













Retaining walls are more than just protective infrastructure; they stand as a visible testament to the hard work and collaboration of both our missionaries and our neighbors. Beyond providing safe spaces for homes and access, they symbolize the dignity, hope, and solidarity that are built whenever a community comes together in service.





Here we have the great privilege of working directly alongside the neighbors of Pamplona, who, in their humility, give of themselves to take care of every missionary that visits them on the mountain. Any amount of love that we may be able to provide our neighbors is always selflessly returned in their work ethic, hospitality, joy, and generosity.







Concrete may build walls and staircases, but it is friendship that builds communion. In the shared work, the laughter, and the simple moments between the tasks, we discover the joy of becoming one family in Christ.











Together with our friends from *WeCare*, we built two sports courts for our neighbors. These long awaited spaces have brought new life to the community, becoming places of encounter, joy, and healthy competition through sports, as well as gathering places for prayer, friendship, and communion.





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Donations





During this year, 94.3 tons of food and bread were distributed to more than forty soup kitchens, most of which serve over 100 neighbors each day. These nearly two tons of weekly provisions provide nourishment, relief, and hope to families facing food insecurity. We are especially grateful to our beloved Steve, whose faithful commitment and generous heart have been instrumental in sustaining this vital ministry.









Every week, we have the privilege of supporting dozens of soup kitchens that faithfully serve some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Every loaf of bread and every bag of groceries tells a story of communion. These weekly deliveries do more than alleviate hunger: they strengthen communities, foster solidarity, and become a visible reminder of God's faithful care for His children.





As a new school year begins, our home parish, *Nuestra Señora de Reconciliación*, and several generous benefactors, provide backpacks filled with school supplies for the children of Pamplona. In 2025, more than 900 backpacks were lovingly prepared, helping students begin the academic year with confidence, joy, and the dignity every child deserves.









Our friends from *WeCare*, always attentive to the needs of our people, secured a donation of jackets to help protect against the cold in some of the most remote regions of Peru. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to bring warmth to over 2,000 neighbors living in the cold Andean highlands.







On the evening of October 11, 2025, a fire broke out in Pamplona Alta that brought 140 homes to ash, displacing between 500 and 700 people. In the weeks following this terrible event, our team provided relief to those who were affected by the blaze. This aid would not have been possible without many gracious donors who provided clothing, mattresses, food, toiletries, and various other needed products.





With “Cajas del Amor” delivered in Pamplona, we helped over 700 families from Pamplona to celebrate the Birth of Jesus with joy. These boxes, filled with food and gifts for all kids, made the Christmas season all the more special and hopeful.





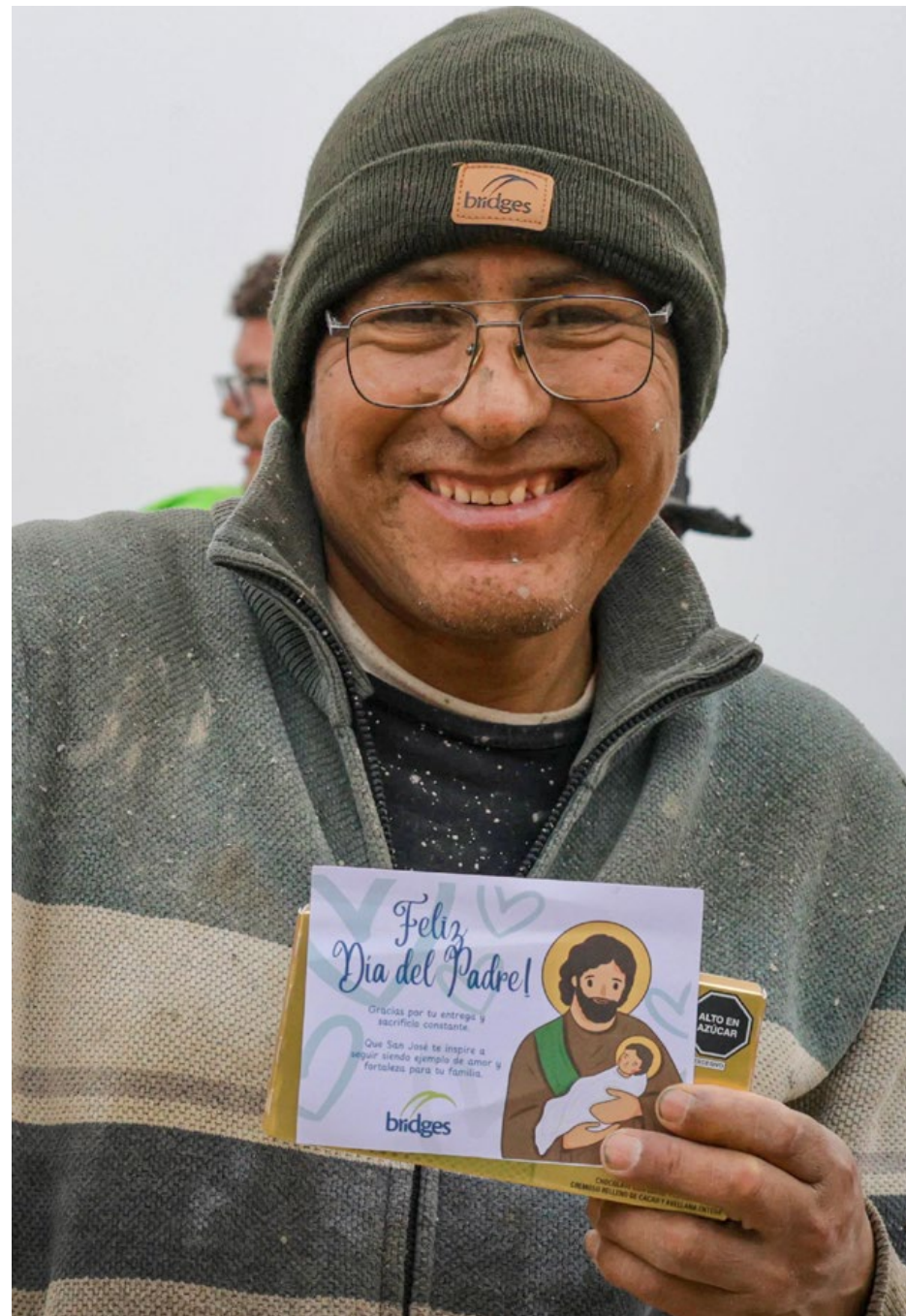
Activities





Bridges is, as its name suggests, one great family, united in the knowledge that we are all beloved sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, called to share in work, prayer, joy, and hope.





In our Father's Day and Mother's Day celebrations, we pause to recognize the quiet heroism of everyday parents, whose daily sacrifice and dedication help their families live with greater dignity and hope.



We love taking time away from mixing concrete to dance, share meals, and build relationships with our neighbors. It is in the sharing of these simple yet profound gifts that we come to experience ourselves as one Body of Christ, united in love and communion.



It is a great joy to share with our friends in Pamplona Alta moments of pilgrimage and recreation, visiting shrines, museums, playgrounds, and zoos together. These simple yet meaningful experiences are cherished by each one of us and remain deeply engraved in our hearts.





Formation is a necessary and humbling part of our faith. Throughout the year, we invite our neighbors to join us on spiritual retreats as an invitation to enter into a more intimate relationship with Christ.

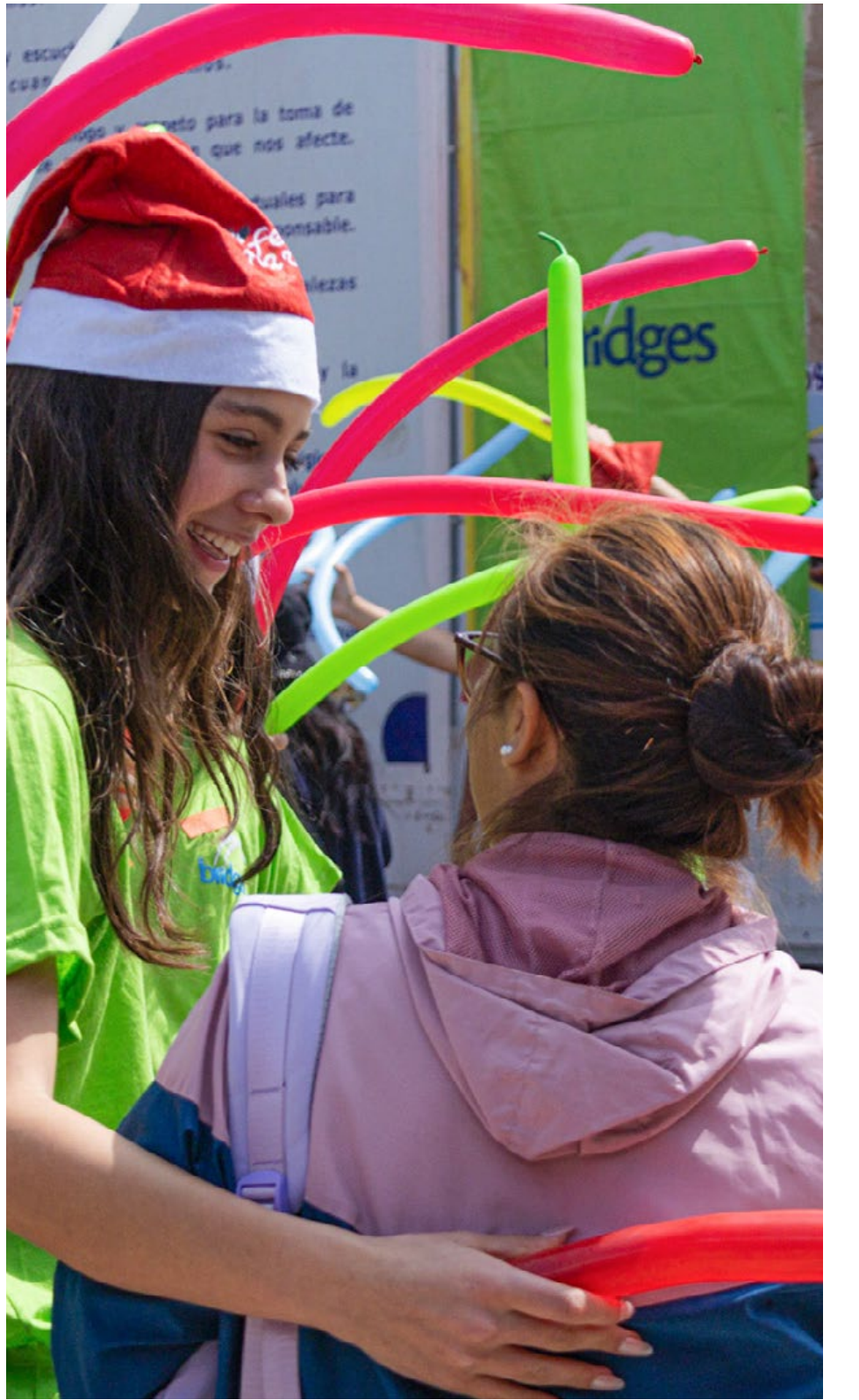




This December, we spent time with the children of Pamplona celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord and reflecting on the humble beginnings of the life of Jesus Christ. Through games, catechesis, snacks, and gifts, we were able to engage them in a way that draws hearts toward the hopeful spirit of the Christmas season. Thanks to our friends Quique and Lenny, we were able to welcome over 2,500 children to “Navidad es Jesús.”









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