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A Christmas Letter

Dear darling daughter,

It's Christmas and it's a very special day. The people are very happy. They eat turkey and ham, and drink wine. Also, they sing songs around the Christmas tree. The children leave cookies and milk for Santa Claus. When they wake up, they open their gifts.

But in Colombia, it's different. During the week before Christmas day, the children pray around the nativity and sing typical songs like: Nana, The River Fishes, and Go Pastors Go. Then people eat natilla with bunuelos, and lechona. When it's 12 PM on Christmas Eve, the children open the gifts. The adults dance and drink beers while the children play with their new toys.

I know for 6 years I have not seen you, but I remember your face, your hands, your smile, and scent. You are always on my mind and in my heart every day of the year. Please don't forget I love you and you are my gift from God.

I hope you will go far in your life. You can touch the stars and make your dreams come true. It does not matter what you choose. If you want to be a doctor, nurse or teacher, I will be happy. What I will always look for is your happiness.

If you want to see me, you can see the moon because we are under the same moon. If you want to feel me, you can feel your heart. If you want to kiss me, I send my kisses in the wind. I promise darling daughter, your heart and my heart are one beat.

Merry Christmas my angel.

Your mother