

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



December 10, 2017

Dearest Friends,

Christmas greetings from northern Florida!! We send our love to each one, with prayers for special times and a life-changing encounter with the God of the universe, as we celebrate the birth of our incredible Savior, Jesus, the Christ. We continue to remain awestruck by the Lord's mercy and grace extended to us personally 36 years ago - in captivating our hearts and drawing us to Himself. We continue in amazement as we think upon the precious work He has done in our own hearts and lives through the years, and in taking us around the world, giving us the honor of meeting and co-laboring cross-culturally with so many precious people!!

This has been another wonderful year for us in life and ministry. Well, many of you get our newsletters, so you know!! But we feel the most precious thing is something that's hard to share about in the newsletters - watching the Lord do what He does so beautifully - touching lives and communities bit by bit in such a gentle and precious way. Truly it is a privilege to serve such an amazing and faithful God!!

As you know, we have recently returned from various international ministry trips. One was to Asia and one to Latin America. They were incredible trips, which we will share more about in a newsletter in January or February. But for now, suffice it to say that the Lord was, again, exceedingly faithful, and that we are so glad we stretched to answer their "Macedonian call" and go. We are, however, delighted to be back in the states and in our own bed after the lengthy times away. There's just no place like home.



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Just a little bit of family news: Justin and Sarah have now made the move to Jupiter, FL (8 hours south of us) and are now looking for the right house to buy while staying with friends. Please keep this need in your prayers. Meanwhile, they love the beauty of the area and feel that it is a bit like paradise. 😊 Lauren, Gareth and girls have been enjoying the new addition to their family, Owen Iefan Griffith. He is so laid back and is really thriving. In fact, he has gained so much weight since birth, that he is turning into a bit of a porker! Lauren and Gareth have had their offer on a house accepted by the sellers - and it just happens to be one of our old homes in Los Alamos - one in which we lived in the early 1990's. Isn't that amazing? We are so proud of our kids and their spouses! Not only are they loving and serving God with all their hearts, but they are also standing as beacons of light in the midst of the darkness. And, finally, the two of us are blessed to have with us daily our precious pals, Augie Daugie and Jake (who is deaf). Lacey unfortunately passed away recently at age 15, and we miss her greatly. But she had a wonderful life, and for that we are deeply grateful.

We pray the Lord will pour out His extravagant love upon you this Christmas, and that all of us will learn to trust Him more profoundly over the coming year. You each remain in our thoughts and have a special place in our hearts. We wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!

With love and hugs,

 Dave & Dee 

