



Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him

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Dear Praying Friends,

As we come to the Christmas season of 2009, we are reminded of a song that speaks so clearly of the meaning of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ to all of us:

CHRISTMAS:

C is for the Christ Child a child of hope and light
H is for the Heavens that were bright that holy night
R is for the Radiance of the star that led the way
I is for the lowly Inn where the Infant Jesus lay
S is for the Shepherds who beheld the Christmas star
T is for the Tidings the angels told afar
M is for the Magi with their gifts of myrrh and gold
A is for the Angels who were awesome to behold
S is for the Savior who was born to save all men

And together this spells **CHRISTMAS** which we celebrate again this year in 2009.

We look back on an eventful year in Missions to Military, with several new missionary candidates coming to us. We are humbled and thankful at the goodness of the Lord in sending these dear ones, yet mindful of the urgency of getting the Gospel to the world as our Savior is coming again soon!

Please pray for Betsy and me, as well as our entire team in MTM, as we seek to serve our Lord efficiently and prudently. We rejoice over what the Lord is still doing in Ukraine through the ongoing ministries of Sasha and Peter, as well as the potential of a new ministry in Desna. We will write more on this as everything unfolds there. We are facing a new ministry in Fayetteville, NC at Fort Bragg as well.



A FAMILY UPDATE:

- *Amy, David, and Elizabeth (2½),* are still in Tucson at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base where David is working very hard trying to finish his Master's Degree from seminary as soon as possible. They are due for orders soon, so we ask your prayers for God's choice in their new assignment. Amy has some physical challenges they are trying to get resolved, and relief from the pain she has.

- *David*, our son, has graduated from Universal Technical Institute where he did very well in his Auto Mechanics Program, and at present is looking for employment; we ask for God's direction in his life. He is currently at home with us and we have thoroughly enjoyed the time we've had with him these past few months.
- *Laurel*, our youngest, lives nearby with her husband, *Rob*, and their two children, *Jenna* (3½), and *Ethan*, who just turned one, and learned to walk at about the same time. We ask for God's help for them during these tough economic times, and wisdom in Rob's business and for all of our children to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and be good parents and good examples of Christ to their children.
- We are so blessed and thankful to be grandparents, and just marvel at how much fun AND what a great responsibility is ours as grandparents.

This season of joy and peace is God's gift to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. May you be blessed with His salvation by grace through faith and these gifts.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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