

JESUS, THE PERFECT GIFT

Christmas 2023

James 1:17 says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

The Christmas season is such a wonderful time of being with family and friends, fellowshiping, exchanging gifts, and, most importantly, remembering our Lord Jesus Christ's birth. Our heavenly Father sending His son Jesus Christ down to earth to save us from our sins is the Ultimate Perfect gift.

We, the Salyer family, want to say "Thank You" for your faithful prayers and financial support these past two years. We praise the Lord for the privilege to partner with you in worldwide missions. We are excited to have three new churches join our missions team. These are Midland Baptist Church in Midland, MI, South Charlotte Baptist Church in Pineville, NC, and Calvary Hill Baptist Church in Pacolet, SC. We give all praise to the Lord that our promised support has risen to 92 percent.

For the past five years, the Lord has enabled our family to continue the ministry of sending national pastors in the Philippines whole Bibles, New Testaments, John & Romans, and gospel tracts. It has been such a joy working and serving alongside Brother Gary Maldaner and our two youngest sons, Jameson and Micah. We look forward to filling these large boxes with God's Word. Mr. Robert Sundian has been our faithful expeditor, picking up these Balakbayan boxes. He is a blessing in helping to pack and pick up over 100 of these two-hundred-pound boxes. We want to say a hearty "thank you" to Robert for his hard and faithful work for our Savior.

Please pray for Pastor Melehor and Delores in the Philippines. He is recovering from a serious infection in his leg. He is faithfully pastoring in Mindanao. Pastor Melehor and his wife love to pass out God's Word and reach the lost souls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We, the Salyer family, pray the Lord's blessing upon you and that you will have a Blessed Christmas season.

In our Lord's service,
Mike & Heather Salyer and sons



Year End Review: Praises and Prayer Report

We want to give God all the glory for what He has done and is doing in and through us. As we look back upon this year, we are filled with awe and praise for the many blessings He has bestowed. Here are some of the highlights:

- Though we grieve the loss of Heather's father in January, we praise God for him being promoted to Heaven, leaving behind a godly heritage and an example of faithfulness in ministry.
- Praise for safety in our travels over the many miles we traveled this year! One incident we won't forget is when we were returning to our host's home after a church service. We were following a pickup truck weaving in and out of traffic carrying a couch. There were no streetlights, and it was very dark! The couch slid out of the truck's bed, and praise the Lord, He kept us from hitting it. While Heather and Micah prayed in the van, Jameson and I got out to remove it from the road, but not in time to avoid another pickup slamming into it. The sofa was demolished, but praise God, no one was hurt.
- We praise the Lord for keeping our Chrysler Town & Country minivan running as we turned 300,000 miles this month! Just as He kept the sandals of His people from wearing out in the desert, He has done the same for us.
- Praise the Lord for meeting God's wonderful people and adding many prayer partners.
- Praise the Lord for many hosts' loving favor and wonderful accommodations.
- Praise the Lord for many churches spoiling us with "Christmas" and sacrificial gifts.
- Praise the Lord for our health and strength in His service this year.
- We thank the Lord for the many opportunities to teach many young people and encourage them to be a missionary in their "Jerusalem."
- Praise the Lord for many Bibles sent to the Philippines through sacrificial giving.
- Praise the Lord for the privilege of having a family ministry together.
- Praise the Lord for His strength and volunteer help given when we had to move out and back into our rental home due to water damage during our busy October missions month.
- Praise the Lord for our mission board's office personnel who abundantly help and support us
- We thank Him for the quiet times alone with Him to teach us more of Himself.

Thank you for your continued prayers on our behalf as we look forward to the future! Below are some specific requests for us. Your prayers are worth more than gold!

- Continued health and strength as we travel and finish deputation
- For our summer move to Texas for advanced missionary training
- For safety in travels across many more miles
- For our sons as they continue to "travel-school" and music lessons
- For witnessing opportunities wherever we are
- For an effective ministry and to be a blessing