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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given..." Isa. 9:6 ; "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High." Ps. 92:1

How thankful we are for God's promise of a Messiah -- a Savior! GOD, in the FLESH! From the fall of mankind into sin, God had a plan to reconcile us to Himself through faith in the coming sacrifice of the Messiah. He gave hope! What an amazing Christmas truth we have!

It is truly a privilege to serve the Lord together yet another year, here in Arizona. Praise Him for allowing us to be used for His glory!

We have seen God working here in the Verde Valley of Arizona and at Living Waters Baptist Church. God is answering prayer, and we have seen our small mission church now "bursting at the seams" every Sunday morning. Attendance has grown in all services, too! We have had several people saved, some baptized, three families have joined, and several others have already discussed membership! Praise the Lord! I know it's hard for many folks, especially in the eastern states to understand how slowly mission churches grow, so when we are seeing this much growth in just a few years, we are especially **thankful!** God is definitely working.

Because of this growth, the church just voted to go forward with plans to knock out some walls and add space to our auditorium to better accommodate the growing attendance. We would ask for your prayers for wisdom in all these plans! God is providing in so many ways -- new people with skills in various areas for expansion, funds needed, etc. Please pray for more funds to be sufficient for these needs!

Just two months ago, we saw God working in our own neighborhood. A neighbor we've been praying for and witnessing to for 10+ years recently did an "Exchange" Bible Study with us and has found new joy in Christ! She's been attending church every Sunday since and continuing to ask questions and grow in the Word! Praise God for His faithfulness! Please continue to pray for Becky and the challenges she faces.

We've been praying for a younger complete family, who love the Lord and could come to help in the church ministry. God has answered! A family who served for a number of years on the mission field and came back due to health reasons, just joined our church! They are eager to help in teaching and whatever the Lord leads in the church. Praise the Lord for answered prayer!



Typically, we use our Christmas prayer letter to share news concerning our "first mission field", our **family**. It is always a thrill to see how God is using each of them.



Melody and Jim Bjur

Rebekah, Jeremy, Joshua, Debbie



Our daughter, **Melody**, and Jim have been serving the Lord in Arica, Chile for 32 years. God has continued to bless their ministry with new converts, especially among Venezuelan refugees. They also are seeing continued growth among their young people!

They now are proud grandparents of two grandbabies, with another one coming soon. **Becky** and **Jake** have a little girl and live in California. **Jeremy** and Daniela, who minister at the Wilds Christian Camp in NC, have a little boy and are expecting in March.

Joshua lives in SC and works as a flight attendant for Delta Airlines and **Debbie** is in her Jr. year at Bob Jones University, preparing for ministry.

Joy and Kent Ramler

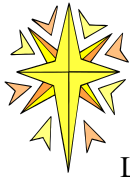
Ruth, Jonathan, Rose, David

Kent and **Joy** have been at People's Baptist Church in Frederick, MD for about 16 years. Joy continues to minister to ladies using the "Exchange" program to lead them to Christ. Praise the Lord for these new believers. Kent serves as pastor and also is very involved in their growing Christian School, due to lack of staff. We would appreciate prayers for their ministry and for Kent, that the Lord would provide necessary help. **Ruth** and Justin continue to live an hour away and Ruth has been driving every day to teach Kindergarten at the school in Frederick. **Jack** and Lindsay live in California and Jack passed the bar and works as an attorney. His health continues to improve! They added to their family in June as Lindsay delivered Baby Kent! After getting married last January, **David** and Hannah moved to Texas, and **Rose** continues to live in Chicago. She recently graduated from a course in Massage Therapy and currently works there.



Mike & Stephanie

Sarah, Rachel, Bethany, Drew, Katelyn



Mike and Stephanie live in Marysville, Utah. Mike serves as founder and president of Legacy Trade College. LTC is about to complete their 3rd semester with 9 students 3 more coming for the Spring semester. God has truly blessed LTC as they endeavor to train young people in areas of ministry like Mike has done for the past 25+ years. We praise the Lord for the miracles God has done and ask you to pray for this growing ministry! You can learn more about it by going to their website at legacytradecollege.org.

Rachel recently spent a week in the hospital undergoing a serious surgery to correct a brain shunt apparatus. Although this was a very difficult time for all, God is faithful and we continue to see Rachel's health restored. **Sarah**, Colton and Josiah (2 years) continue to serve in their church in Brevard, NC. They added a little sister, Jenna, for Josiah this past year, too! **Bethany** and T.J. Lacock and Ember (2 years) live in Delta, CO, where T.J. serves as Pastor. They are expecting this month. Mike and Stephanie are so excited to have 4 grandchildren! **Drew** and his wife, Sarah, live in Florida. Drew works in physical therapy and Sarah teaches in a Christian high school and are very active in their local church. **Katelyn** graduated from Maranatha Baptist University last May in Special Ed and will be getting her Masters degree this May.

Jeff & Becky

Jared, Joel, Jocelyn, Joanna, Jessica

Jeff and Becky continue to serve the Lord at their church in Colorado Springs, CO and they, too, are proud grandparents. Their oldest son, **Jared**, Rose and Emmet (2 years) live in Logan, Utah, and are very involved in a church there. They are expecting also in 2026! **Joel** and Savanah live in Colorado Springs. They, too, are actively working in their church and Savanah teaches there as well. **Jocelyn** continues to live and work in Greenville, SC in architectural design. She also works and teaches part time, giving pottery classes. **Joanna** now lives and works from home and is very active in her church there. **Jessica** just graduated from a Christian College in California studying architecture. She married Connor Murray from their church in June and are now expecting their first baby in May.



Ed and Heather

Katie, Sophia, Tucker, Titus



Ed and Heather continue to live in Middletown, OH. While Ed progresses in his nursing career in Cincinnati, Heather continues teaching at the Christian School where their children attend. They also are actively teaching and working in their local church. **Katie** is a Junior at a Christian College pursuing a nursing degree and works as a leader in her dorm. We're so thankful that God has used her in the lives of some of her classmates! **Sophia** graduated this past May from high school and now attends school pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy Assistant. **Tucker**, now a Sophomore in High School, and **Titus**, in 4th grade are active in their local church.

Even though our children live far away, we were blessed to see each one of them this past year at different times, and they all are so good to us, checking on us regularly. How thankful we are that each of our children are serving the Lord, and now several of the grandchildren are preparing for ministry! Only GOD can do such wonderful things! It's ALL because of God's amazing grace! We are praying much for those in our family who still need to turn their lives over to Christ. And we are very thankful for the wonderful friends and loved ones He has given us and for the prayers of each one.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas as you reflect on what our Wonderful Lord has meant to you and your family this past year!

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