

Christmas Blessings

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.” Revelations 4:11

Dear Friends,

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we pause to consider our God given purpose and privilege to honour and worship Jesus. Anything we do that brings pleasure to God is an act of Worship. The Bible portrays people who worshipped by learning at the feet of Jesus, those who loved and served others, and many who spread the message of salvation far and wide. As worshippers, may we bring God pleasure by learning to listen, trust and obey Jesus.

Our work at MissionPREP is full of opportunities to see God provide in amazing ways including facilities, resources, awesome staff, important learning, new revelations, times of healing, and abundant grace. This summer was our first RE-VIEW debriefing course with a full class of 21 adults and 15 children, and we're thankful for the amazing staff God provided who were able to help missionary adults and children reflect on their stories. One afternoon, we set up the "Transition Trail" where whole families had the opportunity to process their stories together through stations like Fearful Forest, Swamp of Sadness, Wells of Thanksgiving, Volcano of Anger, Pastures of Peace, Rocks of Guilt, and Springs of New Normal. Important conversations took place during this 5-day program for returning missionaries. This program is still gaining momentum as people begin to realize the importance of debriefing and unfortunately, we had to cancel our December course due to low enrollment.

We had the privilege of attending M2M – a Ministry to Missionaries Retreat in Newfoundland this summer where we were refreshed and inspired. Afterwards we spent some days travelling and were blessed as we saw God providing special people, places to stay and exciting adventures along the way, including Cod fishing!

As proud Grandparents, we're excited to let you know that Charity and Ben's daughter, Ana-Sofia, just took her first steps at 9.5 months. Foster boy, Noah (4yrs) returned to live with them in June and has been enjoying Junior Kindergarten this fall. He loves to make Ana-Sofia laugh and calls her "Little Chewy Bon Bon!" Chara loves "Aunty" time with the kids and continues to have a wonderful influence on the Moms she is teaching as they finish highschool.

While Mom Benson is no longer able to join us for church, we're thankful she can attend the service at her senior's home. Mom & Dad Champion have enjoyed several visits with the great grandchildren this year and look forward to coming for Christmas.

May you enjoy a Christmas full of worshipful opportunities.

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Christmas Greetings
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