

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Christmas Blessings for you all,



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We wish you all the merriest of Christmases. During this season we celebrate God's love for us. He sent His only begotten Son so that we would not perish but have eternal life with Him. We pray that each of you have that revelation and be able to experience the joy of the season because of the freedom we have in Him.

It has been an interesting year. We started out going back to Spain and enjoying reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. As most of you know we have desired to live full-time in Spain and to share the Gospel there.

We have been working hard to get our long-term visa. First, we had to renew Wayne's passport, which took about 3 months. Then we had to have our background checks done and sent to the Apostille of the Hauge in Washington to be verified. That took a few more months. We had to get our birth certificates and marriage license sent for the Apostille. My birth certificate took weeks to get back too. Then all this stuff had to be translated by a certified Spanish translator and then taken to Austin to be notarized with the apostille again. It has been a challenge. We had Spanish health insurance, but we canceled it because it was taking so long. We had to contact several companies to acquire it again but we finally did, just in time before the other requirements expired. Everything has to be timed. But praise God we have it all done and thankfully the application is complete and in the hands of the Spanish Embassy in Houston. They say they have 3 months to give us an answer. We pray it goes through before then.

While waiting for the background check to come back, we took a trip up to Virginia and New York to visit family. It was wonderful to see my brother, nieces, and nephews, and especially my sisters and some old friends. We were blessed to spend some time with our oldest son and his family in Virginia. The boys are growing so fast.

Just before we went to the northeast, we took a short trip to Colorado Springs and Amarillo. Wayne played with THE LION'S ROAR. They played a couple of churches, and we also had some divine appointments along the way. He is playing again with them this Christmas Eve morning.

We both had some surgeries. I had my gallbladder out in June. When we got back from our trips, Wayne had a hernia repair which led to another surgery. The time in between the two surgeries was challenging. It really tested Wayne's faith. We thought we would just take care of the routine hernia surgery and go on with life but that is not what happened. Thankfully the second surgery fixed what the other had triggered. He said he really had to press into Jesus and what Christ had done for him to receive his healing.

Trying to get this long-term visa seems to have consumed most of our time. But thankfully we have been able to enjoy time with our grandkids. Phoenix is 4 years old and lives next door to us, he often comes over to visit. He loves to play memory and Go Fish. He gives great hugs and brings lots of life into this place. He loves Jesus and loves the story of David and Goliath. We get to go to our oldest grandson's sport games and that is nice. He made All Stars in his football league. We watch Lena and Wesley often too. They are all



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at such fun ages. Our grandkids range from 15 to baby Shiloh who was born in May. We will miss them greatly when we are gone but thank God for Facetime. It makes it a little easier. Facetime or Messanger is what we have to do with our oldest son and his children anyway sine they live in Virginia. We really miss them especially for family gatherings.

Our son Jaazaniah and his wife Kelsey have joined our Board of Directors. God has given them a desire to do missions too. Jaaz was able to go to the Dominican Rebublic for a week and help build a house for a family. Through this 5 people came to know the Lord.

I still do weekly time with Search for Jesus. It is a way to chat with people from all over the world and share the love and hope of Christ with them.

We are ready to Go in to all the World like Jesus said. Just waiting for the open door. Hopefully we will get our visa soon. More waiting. As I said the embassy has 3 months to give us an answer. Hopefully things in Spain will settle down by then. It has been a long road to get to this point and this is not even the beginning of the real ministry yet. The best is yet to come!

Thank you all for your love, prayers and for those who have partnered with us to make this possible. We pray God richly blesses you and keeps you safe, healthy and filled with the joy of the Lord. I decided to buy presents for a little girl at an orphanage this year instead sending out little gifts. I hope you understand and agree the money is better spent sowing Jesus's Love into her heart. We want you to know we appreciate each and everyone of you. We pray your Christmas is filled with love and the joy of knowing all our Savior has done for you and your families.

Blessings,

Wayne and Sandy

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