

Merry Christmas

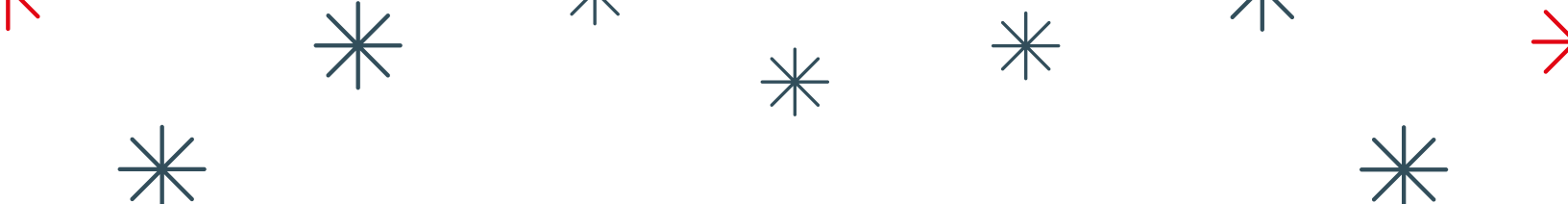
& HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Friends and Family,

The Christmas season is here, it's everywhere you look. The stores are filled with toys, and decorations, and loads of fun stuff; every other house is decked out with lights and blow up decorations, everywhere you look you see the evidence that people are into the season. My little guys are so excited for Christmas, every time Nehemiah sees decorations when we are out driving he bubbles with excitement, "Christmas" "Christmas Day!". Its a fun time with little ones.

I have been reflecting on the Christmas story. Every year I look at the story and new things pop out. These are simple people, much like you or me, told something extraordinary was going to happen in their life. They had real fears and wrestled with real doubts and struggle but had faith, had encouragement along the way, and each other, and they saw the faithfulness of God. Their story is not far from any of our stories, yes theirs was one with huge ramifications, but we all have a call on our heart, and each of us wrestle with the doubts and fears of what that means, I know i do. It takes faith to step out into the unknown and go where God has called you and to minister to those around you. I am so thankful how faithful God as we step out along the way. How He provides, and He works through those around us to encourage us.





I am excited about what is going on at the Youth Centre, we are in a slow rebuild mode, and its neat to see it play out. We are slowly starting to see more youth come back week after week, and be able to build relationships with them. Along side with the youth we are starting to build up regular volunteers, more scheduled and committed to seeing hearts changed. Brian and I are heading out in January to speak to some of the local churches and in order to continue build a volunteer team as well to continue to create the partnerships we need to do our ministry here. We desire to see a change of peoples perspective of what the youth centre is and what goes on here. We want them to see the ministry that is happening in the relationships that are made and the impact it can have on the community.

In the new year I am planning to head out to Youth Quake, an awesome youth conference at Briercrest College, and I'm praying and hoping to take a few kids with. I have been planting seeds and am hoping they will come. This year they have a speaker coming in that helped with the Alpha Youth series. If you have never heard of Alpha you should look it up, it is an awesome ministry tool, and so easy to use. We are really excited to go, please be praying for us, that the right youth come out and we have the funds we need to take them.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support, it means so much to us that you partner with us in this way as we continue to minister here. Pray that we continue to find more partners so we have the financial support we need to continue here. We ask that you be praying for us on Friday and Saturday night, not only for me but for our family. Pray for peace at home for the kids those nights I work.

We wish you and your family a merry little Christmas, and hope your new year is bright and full of adventure.

God bless you.

Lindsay & Stacey and the Boys