

Merry Christmas from the DeRochers



"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).



Celebrated 50 with Mandy & Kids



David Neil's about to graduate!



Olivia & Shelby always together



Sam continues to keeps us on our toes...

Dear Friend,

It is with great joy that we take a moment and say how grateful we are for your love, friendship, and partnership in the gospel. As missionaries, we look for opportunities from God everyday and ask Him for direction and wisdom. Thankfully, God has been faithful to bring many new and creative ways for ministry during 2020. Also, we realize even more the importance of one-on-one connections. Over the last year, I have spent untold hours on my phone and computer with people from around the world encouraging them in their faith.

In the midst of great challenges, I am grateful to have been encouraged as well. For example, a public high school teacher surprised me with a phone call about her son, Jackson, who is a senior in high school. Years ago, we prayed with him to receive Christ when I helped coach him in basketball. This even led to his brother praying to receive Jesus Christ the same day. The mother told me on the phone with great excitement,

"Dave, I've got to tell you about Jack. I was worried about all the junk on social media and told my son to be extra careful and never post something stupid. He responded, 'Mom, you don't have to worry because Coach Dave is one of my friends on Instagram and I never post anything that he would call inappropriate."

We both laughed on the phone and I am grateful that God can use me in unique ways to help young people stay on track. Obviously, it's the Holy Spirit moving but it is nice to be thought of.

The future is looking bright as well in our ministry work. We have many new faces who are interested in playing on our volleyball teams which focus on building your faith while building your volleyball game. Also, we have had some exciting new opportunities to develop bible studies, videos, and podcasts that merge faith in Jesus Christ and volleyball. We hope to publish them online to allow players, coaches, and others around the world the opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ in new ways.

In the midst of all this outreach, I recently had surgery to repair some injuries I incurred to my hip. Jumping around for so many years caught up with me, so I am taking a short break on my jump serve. Please keep me in prayer to recover quickly and that I would regain my strength to continue to reach up and reach out.

You are a gift to us beyond words and we pray for God to continue to shine upon you during these challenging times we live.

May the joy of the Ford Dave and Mandy be your strength!

