



# REACH UP REACH OUT

Dear Friends,

December 14, 2022

Merry Christmas and it is so good to sit down and share some great stories. Last week, I had the opportunity to preach the gospel to athletes at a public high school in Murfreesboro, TN for over an hour. Coach Field, who has been teaching for 39 years, encouraged and gave me the freedom to preach the gospel. His tenure and dedication to the students has allowed him great opportunities to impact his school for Christ. The class of about 50 students listened intently about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then, they broke in groups to pray for each other. It encouraged me to see the openness and the hunger for God from all the students.



As we reflect on this year, Mandy and I continue to find new ways to reach out. This last year, we had the opportunity and pleasure to reach out to hundreds of college students, high school students, coaches, athletes, parents, the military, our neighbors, and God keeps bringing new opportunities to us. In March, we are planning a trip with high school students to Brazil to partner with a local church and reach out to the community. Also, we are currently serving over 35 families with our volleyball sports ministry the next five months.

We find it so hard to put into words, our gratitude to you for your faithful partnership in the gospel. As we reflect on the mission God gave us almost 30 years ago, we want you to know your friendship is one of the greatest blessings we could ever ask. Reaching out together is a privilege and brings **GREAT JOY**. Please let us know how we can pray for you in 2023 so we can keep it in our prayer notebook and partner with your prayers as well.



*We celebrate the birth of our Savior with you!*

Serving Him together,

*Dave and Mandy*



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## Merry Christmas from the DeRocher Family



21 Years w/ sweet Mandy!

Mandy and I will celebrate our 21st anniversary this month, and I am still grateful beyond words for our marriage. Here is a fun picture when we recently visited our oldest son at the Coronado Naval Station. Christmas is our favorite time of the year to spend time with family, reflect on the goodness of God, and gear up for a great new year!



Training Hard!

David healed up from his broken leg and rejoined Navy training in Coronado, CA. He has had some long days and sleepless, cold nights, but continues to press forward to what he feels God has called him to do. As we hear his stories about the commitment it takes to serve this nation, we are reminded of the thousands of families across our country who sacrifice many comforts to help bring freedom around the world. In the Navy, there is an expression, "The only easy day was yesterday." May God help our military know they are loved and respected.



Sister Act!

Olivia and Shelby continue to grow in height and in life. Recently, they won their conference championship after a memorable season at Franklin Christian Academy. Olivia is in her senior year and working on her next steps with college. Keep her in prayer as she explores many options in front of her. Shelby is in her junior year and continues to do well in school and sports. Mandy and I love to see them work together on and off the court. During matches, we have loved seeing Shelby set the ball to Olivia for a great spike. Also, we love to see how they enjoy hanging out together.



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Sam is our youngest and in the 8th grade. He loves to play football and work out at the gym. Also, he loves to go hiking and anything outdoors. Recently, I (Dave) took him to Mount Leconte, Tennessee, the tallest peak in the Smokey Mountains. I had a hard time keeping up with him as he raced up the mountain. Sam loves to explore, see new things, and constantly wants to travel. Also, he was just asked to join the Middle School Musical of Aladdin. With Sam everyday is an adventure and he keeps us all young at heart.

*Please let us know how we can pray for you.*

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