



Tis the Season...



“(We) have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in our prayers.” Ephesians 1:16

Dear Friends,

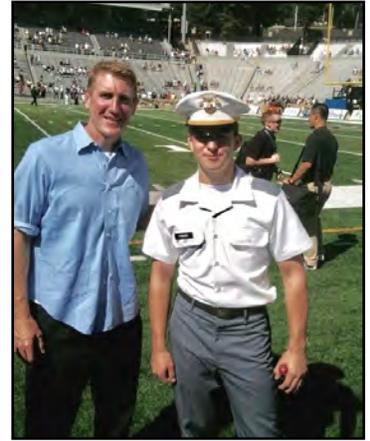
December 1st, 2017

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Two weeks ago, I had the privilege of officiating a wedding for a young man named Paul Friert. He was blessed to marry a beautiful schoolteacher named Caylyn. Mandy and I have known Paul since he was 12 years old. He was a part of our youth ministry near Washington D.C.

Paul is from a great family who taught him from a young age how to be a servant leader. Paul’s parents encouraged him and his brother, David, to join the Boy Scouts. Both received their Eagle Scout badges while in high school. After high school Paul had a deep desire to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. When he was not accepted, his father encouraged him to consider West Point Academy. However, the road was not easy, Paul had to walk by faith, and work extremely hard at Marion Military Academy for a year. By God’s grace, Paul received a nomination for West Point the following year. Paul continued to become a stronger leader while at West Point and graduated in 2014. Last week, Paul entered his next season of life by marrying his longtime girlfriend, Caylyn. He continues to serve in the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer near Savannah, Georgia.

Mandy and I have personally watched Paul grow in many ways throughout his life. Like all of us, Paul has faced many challenges throughout his journey, but through prayer, counsel, and a great deal of loving support, Paul has grown to be a strong leader. As ministers, Mandy and I are so grateful to join with Paul and Caylyn in their journey and stand with them in life. Paul’s story is symbolic of so many other young people who need that extra bit of encouragement to keep going strong.

We feel it is so important to write these newsletters because we want YOU to know that YOU are a big part of the story! YOUR partnership in the gospel enables stories like Paul’s to become reality. As we reflect over our last year and all that God has done, we want to “shout from the rooftops” how grateful we are for your friendship! You are a gift beyond words!!!



We are praying for you and hoping this Christmas is wonderful !!

Serving with joy together,

Dave and Mandy

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This year has been fantastic reaching out in so many new ways, but due to some unexpected expenses (home repair, education and medical costs), *we have a special need of around \$5500.* We want to ask if you might consider a special end of the year gift to “jumpstart” our new year, but please don’t feel pressured in any way.

Just in case you might consider this I have enclosed an envelope. If using a check please write out to “Every Nation.” If you prefer online, please visit www.give.everynation.org

We are so thankful
for your consideration!!

