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Have A MERRY Christmas

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✧Great Joy✧

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11

Light of the World

In Him was life, and that life is the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:4-5,9-14



HAPPY HOLLIDAYS!

To Haiti, with Love!

I've just returned from Haiti, where we now have 50 precious children in our orphanage and another 1800 in our six Open Door Haiti schools. What a joy to be around these amazing kids! Immediately after returning home from my trip, we loaded a 40 foot container full of Christmas

presents, cloths, shoes and almost 300,000 meals from Feeding Children Everywhere. What a blessed Christmas our kids will have this year!

Thanks to the many of you who sponsor one of the children at our orphanage or schools.



Our Beautiful Girls



Marisa, 20 and a junior at Palm Beach Atlantic University, is loving school. She worked as the children's ministry coordinator at church and interns with Sonlife (Creative Media) and Lightify Creative (web content/graphic design). She will lead a mission team from her school to Asia next Summer.



Jaclyn, 18 and in 12th grade, loves to perform! She sings with First Take and the Destiny Choir and earned on stage roles in Cinderella (Ella), The Adams Family and Almost, Maine. She's busy applying for colleges, hoping to be accepted into a top notch theatre program with dreams of Broadway :)

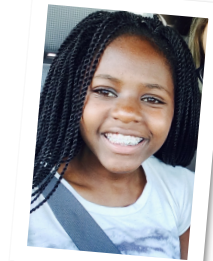


Emma, 16 and in 10th grade, is excelling in her studies in the Pre Inter Baccalaureate program, and also sings in Festival Choir. She and Jaclyn are performing at Disney's Candlelight Processional this month. Emma loves to bake yummy treats and will soon have her driver's license!

Analise, 16 and in the 10th grade, is doing well in school and loves to dance. She took dance lessons over the Summer and is in dance class at school. Her dream is to one day own her own dance studio. Analise is great with children and loves playing with her little cousins.



Mary-Faith, 14 and in 8th grade, is in the advanced classes in the Pre Inter Baccalaureate program and enjoys her fashion design class. Her days are spent hanging out with her sisters, playing with her dog, Gizmo, and listening to music.



Maggie, 13 and in the 6th grade, works hard in school and made the honor roll this year. She runs cross country and track and loves hanging out with her friends, going shopping with Jennifer, reading books and playing on the computer.



OPEN DOOR

We now have 16 churches in Haiti, with 13 of them being pastored by leaders we have trained at SOYM. The recent hurricane and flooding devastated many, but we were positioned to offer hope and help.

SONLIFE

More than 5000 ministry leaders, volunteers and students were trained in our new 4 Chair Discipling Seminar in 2016.

GLOBAL YOUTH

GYI Leadership Team met in Israel in March... Leadership Development in Costa Rica in January & October with our Sonlife Latin America Team.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Jennifer continues to lead worship at church, as well as shepherd a middle school girls' small group. Besides occasionally temping as a Dental Hygienist, she also serves on the Board of a friend's non-profit that provides care packages for military stationed overseas and is the Vice President of Jaclyn's Thespian Booster Club. Jennifer & Doug celebrated



24 years of marriage this past Summer with a beach getaway. Jennifer joined Doug on ministry trips to Houston and Dallas, while Marisa traveled with her Dad to Montana, Chicago and Portland for her internship with Sonlife. The whole family enjoyed the Shafer Family Reunion in Santa Cruz, CA in June.

*Serving Christ,
Doug, Jen & the girls*

THANK YOU!

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILY AND MINISTRY IN 2016. YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT, LOVE, PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT HAVE BEEN A BLESSING TO OUR FAMILY AND TO THOSE WE SERVE..

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION TO HELP LAUNCH US INTO AN EXCITING NEW YEAR OF MINISTRY, ALL GIFTS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE AND CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

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