

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## Dear Friends and Family,

Each Christmas morning our kids get up at zero dark-thirty to see what has appeared under, around and even in the tree. They get to open their stockings and we have some time to enjoy the morning and reflect on the real meaning of Christmas; talking about the birthday of Jesus. We have fun starting the day reflecting...while the Yule Log channel plays Christmas tunes on KTLA with it's never consumed log burning for 4 hours.

As a ministry partner team, I'm sure you all have a great time connecting with family and sharing gifts. But, before the madness begins that day please join us in remembering all that Christ did...and does for us, so we can connect with God. And remember all of those who have yet to connect with Him.

**It's our privilege and joy to be part of a missions team that seeks to reach out to the least, the last and the lost on campuses in California and around the world.** You play a

vital role in this through your generous prayers and gifts. Our prayer is that you would experience the joy of your partnership in the changed lives of these young people.

**One place we experience these changed lives each year is at our annual Winter Conference.** It's such a great time of encouragement and challenge as these young people hear great messages, experience fellowship and take faith steps. Many make life altering decisions: to go on a mission trip, to lead a Bible study back on campus, or to reach out to their friends, families or roommates for the first time. We would love you to consider visiting the conference with us December 27-31.

—As I'm writing this, I'm looking at a Nativity scene. It's a great picture of people bringing what they have to build the kingdom. I know Wendy and I experience great joy knowing our gifts are doing things around the world that we don't totally comprehend. **Your gifts are also making an eternal impact!**

—If you are planning any end of year giving, know that it will be invested well! Our immediate need is \$2500 for our family to attend the Winter Conference. We will be part of creating an atmosphere where students can connect to Jesus, recruiting students to go on mission trips and holding Staff interviews for those considering joining us on staff with Cru.

**—Please make checks to "Cru" and mail with your normal donation or in the included envelope.**

**—Each gift is tax-deductible**

**—Secure online giving is available at: [www.give.cru.org/0451260](http://www.give.cru.org/0451260)**

*May you richly experience God's glory this season.* The lives of students are being changed. **So stoked to be in this journey with you all!**

Kyle, Wendy, MALIA  
CARTER + AVERY