

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



Dearest Family & Friends



**What an exciting year!** We have experienced God in simple and mighty ways. We pray that your blessings have drawn you closer to Christ and to those around you. Thank you for being apart of our lives.

**Zac** 14, loves to play sports and make videos with his friends. This year he started playing the piano, (he also plays guitar.) Zac is playing Upward basketball and tackle football getting him prepared for high school next year. He enjoys school and is excelling in all his studies. He has a big heart, loves generously and can hardly wait to go back to Haiti with dad. We are so proud of Zac!

**Bree**, 12, is a strong finisher! Her talent for athletics is on the rise. She has an

outstanding work ethic and is amazingly organized. She just completed her first year of premier soccer and was also selected to the final trials of the Florida Olympic Development team. The weekend long selection will be in January. Bree has a strong GPA and Kathy and I marvel at her dedication to the open doors before her.

**Joshua**, almost double digits, is regularly a handful of joy! He too will plays Upward basketball. He is an avid reader, enjoying the classics he recently read Moby Dick; a feat for any 9 year old. Joshua sings in his school chorus and recently performed Christmas Around the World. While there he learned that there were homeless students among

him. Having a big heart he adopted one of the students and is sharing Christmas gifts and goodies with her. What a delight for us to watch his heart overflow as he loves his neighbor.

**Kathy** keeps very busy parenting our 3 children as well keeping their schedules flowing on time. She also volunteers at school and at the local sharing center. She continues to work alongside me serving Thousand Hills; she is my biggest cheerleader, always encouraging me to find Christ in the quiet of my heart and not in what I am doing.

Merry Christmas,

brian & kathy



# My Perfect Gift This Christmas

that didn't come wrapped...



Have you ever received a gift that was EXACTLY what you needed, wanted, hoped for? This is the season of presents and giving gifts, most often store-bought or homemade. Yet we fully know this season is because of God's greatest gift to us - Jesus. And like His Son, God's best gifts often can't be wrapped.

Let me share with you the gift God gave me on my last trip to Haiti. The gift of blessing.

As I sat with eyes closed in service during a song of celebration, my mind was focused on me and my need for **specific encouragement**. This new

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**JAMES 1:17 EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE**

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ministry seemed too hard, too overwhelming and I was praying God would give me someone to pray with that day about it. Within the next minute, I felt hands on both sides of my face. Shocked, I opened my eyes and saw a woman praying over me. I closed my eyes again as she prayed for what seemed like hours...

After the service, I spoke with her (Evelyn) and asked what she was praying for. She told me **God gave her a dream** the night before that "a white man would be in service and to pray for him and tell him that his ministry will be blessed."



**Wow.** I was deeply humbled, and the burden I had carried into that service was lifted. In its place was His peace. God spoke to me through Evelyn. God had given me a gift - **a good and perfect gift of blessing.**

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Thank you for making our transition to Thousand Hills Ministry as smooth as it has been. THM has begun accepting your gifts and donations at our accounting firm address listed below.

We can't do this ministry work without YOU, and we don't want to! Thank you for all your support and prayers.

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