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Have A MERRY Christmas

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Gather 'Round

*Gather 'round, ye children, come
Listen to the old, old story
Of the power of Death undone
By an infant born of glory
Son of God, Son of Man
Gather 'round, remember now
How creation held its breath
How it let out a sigh
And it filled up the sky
With the angels
Son of God, Son of Man*

*So sing out with Joy
For the brave little boy
Who was God
But made Himself nothing
He gave up His pride
And He came here to die
like a man*

*Therefore God exalted Him
To the place of highest praises
And He gave Him a name
Above every name
That at the name of Jesus,
Son of God*

by Andrew Peterson

✕Prince of Peace✕

"For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6



HAPPY HOLLIDAYS!

To Haiti, with Love!

I've just returned from Haiti, where we now have 52 precious children in our orphanage and another 2500 in our seven Open Door Haiti schools. What a joy to be around these amazing kids! Immediately after returning home from my trip, we loaded a 20 foot container full of Christmas

presents, cloths, shoes and almost 100,000 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.



It's A Wonderful Life

January: Sonlife, the ministry Doug leads, hosted a Disciple-Making Conference in Orlando. Jennifer and Marisa helped with the conference, as almost 300 leaders from 32 states and 8 countries were in attendance.



February: Maggie began her track season, where she consistently won her favorite race, the 100 meters dash.

March: Doug traveled to the Czech Republic, Poland and Germany for the Global Youth Initiative Leadership Forum with Sonlife.

April: Doug traveled back to Kenya to train at the J-Life East Africa Regional Leadership Summit. Analise was thrilled to perform in her year-end dance recital.



May: Emma made National Honor Society and got her driver's license. Jaclyn graduated Summa Cum Laude from high school and made the cast of Sister Act in Summer Theatre, while Marisa began an internship at Charisma Media. Mary-Faith celebrated her 15th birthday with a trip to Universal Studios with Jennifer.



June: Analise (17) and Maggie (14) made their first trip back to Haiti since coming home in 2014, staying for a month and helping with several mission teams at Open Door Haiti's orphanage.

July: Marisa led a mission team from her school to Malaysia and Laos where they conducted English camps.



Doug spoke at Lead The Cause, a student evangelism conference, in both Chicago and Washington D.C.

August: Doug and Jennifer celebrated their 25th anniversary with a weekend

getaway to Naples, FL. Mary-Faith began her

Freshman year of high school. Marisa was selected for a student leadership role at Palm Beach Atlantic University.



September: Jaclyn began her Freshman year as a Musical Theatre major at Long Island University, where she earned a full tuition scholarship. Doug began the 10th year of Haiti's School of Youth Ministry.

October: Doug spent two weeks in Israel with Sonlife's leadership team and 30 other ministry leaders studying the Life of Christ on location.

November: Over Thanksgiving break, Marisa and Jaclyn celebrated their 21st and 19th birthdays skydiving. Doug and Jennifer enjoyed a getaway to Nashville, while Doug trained at the national Disciple-Making Forum.



December: Emma, now 17, is in the prestigious International Baccalaureate Program.

Jennifer began working at a dentist's office 3-4 days a week. She still helps lead worship at church and disciples a group of 6th grade girls at our church's middle school ministry.



Serving Christ together, Doug & Jennifer

THANK YOU!

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILY AND MINISTRY IN 2017. 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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