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# Have A MERRY Christmas

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## A Glimpse of Glory

*That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them, "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all the people. The Savior- yes, the Messiah, the Lord- has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"*

Luke 2:8-11

## \*Seeing Jesus\*

*"And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." Luke 2:12*

### DO WE RECOGNIZE HIM?

On the night Jesus arrived over 2000 years ago, the first to see him (besides Mary and Joseph) were a few unsuspecting, humble shepherds. They found Jesus in the most unusual of places: a manger, in a stable filled with the stench and filth of animals.

We still find Jesus in the most unusual places... if we're willing to look for Him.

A few weeks ago I saw Him in the faces of our 50 precious children at Open Door Haiti's orphanage. In

August, we welcomed 25 more children to their new home after completing our new wing. These children struggled to survive every day. They rarely ate, slept on dirt floors, wore tattered clothes, if they had any to wear at all, were sick and diseased, and weren't in school. In them, in the 'least of these,' I saw the face of Jesus!



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

## Sending Hope to Haiti!

*Each year, we work together with churches and individuals from across the U.S. to bring hope and joy to children at our churches, schools and orphanage in Haiti. Each Christmas Hope Box that is packed can include small toys, school supplies, candy, toiletries, clothes, coloring books*

*and crayons, and even a special note of God's love and grace. With over 1000 children in our schools, 50 in our orphanage, and hundreds more that attend one of our 11 churches, the need is great. What a beautiful way to tangibly show the love of Christ to a child at Christmas.*



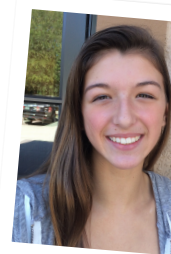
# Oh So Blessed!



**Marisa**, 19 and a freshman at Palm Beach Atlantic University, is loving school (and being only 3 hours from home). She's made many new friends, is majoring in marketing, joined crew (until her car accident), played intramural volleyball, and works at her church in the children's ministry.



**Jaclyn**, 17 and in 11th grade, loves to perform! She sings with First Take and the Destiny Choir and earned on stage roles in You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown and The Crucible. She's also been honored with All State Choir and All State Thespian selections and the opportunity to perform at Disney.



**Emma**, 15 and in 9th 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. Emma got her braces off in November and will soon get her learner's permit!

**Analise**, 15 and in the 9th grade, has had to skip 6th grade and 8th grade in the course of 12 months to catch up to her grade level. She was put through an accelerated program over the Summer to prepare her for high school. She has done an amazing job learning english.

**Mary-Faith**, 13 and in 7th grade, is doing a fantastic job in the advanced classes in the Pre Inter Baccalaureate program. Most days after school, you'll either find her taking her dog Gizmo for a walk or on her ripstik (skateboard like thing) listening to her iPod. Mary-Faith is next in line for braces :)

**Maggie**, 12 and in the 5th grade, wants to be a part of everything! She joined Cross Country and did a great job... she's very fast! She finished her first season of soccer, one of only two girls on her team, and they won all but one game. She loves roller skating, reading and watching Disney movies.



## OPEN DOOR

God continued to do miracles in Haiti in 2015.. 4 new churches, completed construction on our Ministry Training Center, Orphanage Expansion, School Library, Dental Clinic & Maternity Wing

## SONLIFE

Speaking & Training students & leaders in Jesus' disciple making priorities throughout 2015... FL, WA, MN, IL, DC, PA, OR, CA, TX, MO, MI, CO, OH, Canada, Kenya

## ISRAEL SUMMIT

Gathered with 185 leaders from 53 countries in April to sharpen our vision for disciple-making based on the life of Christ.

## FAMILY ADVENTURES IN 2015

**Jennifer** and the girls were able travel with me several times this year.

Marisa and Jaclyn joined me on a trip to Seattle while Emma and Mary-Faith joined me on a trip to Chicago, both for Dare 2 Share Youth Conferences.

Jennifer joined me on ministry trips to San Diego, Cincinnati and Portland. It was great to connect with

her family in California, with friends in Ohio and Oregon, and with memories from childhood (Eugene, University of Oregon) and college (Oregon State).

A highlight for Jennifer, Marisa and Jaclyn was the girls' birthday trip in September to NYC to see Wicked & Les Miserables on Broadway.



*Serving Christ,  
Doug, Jen & the girls*

## THANK YOU!

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILY AND MINISTRY IN 2015. YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT, LOVE, PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT HAVE BEEN A BLESSING TO OUR FAMILY AND TO THOSE WE SERVE..

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