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Have A MERRY Christmas

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✽ Joy To The World ✽

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people!" Luke 2:10

A JOYOUS ARRIVAL



A Glorious Gift

The Word became a human and lived among us. We saw His glory- the glory that belongs to the only Son of the Father- and He was full of grace and truth.

Because He was full of grace and truth, from Him we all received one gift after another. The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But God the only Son is very close to the Father, and He has shown us what God is like.

John 1:14, 16-18

Just over 2000 years ago, the most anticipated and joyous announcement ever made was delivered by angels... the long-awaited arrival of the Messiah, wrapped in a blanket, lying in a manger.

On March 31st, we too received the much anticipated news that our three and a half year adoption journey would finally be complete. Our girls from Haiti would finally get to come home!

While our Savior was welcomed into his new home by his parents, angelic hosts, shepherds, some cattle... and eventually Wise Men from the East... Analise and Maggie were welcomed to Florida by Jet Blue Flight Attendants, US Immigration Officials,

and after a four hour drive to Lake Mary from Miami, a house full of excited friends and family.

The night of April 3rd, 2014 was one filled with great joy, even relief. Finally finished! Finally home! Finally together!

While gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh were given to our Savior, his own life given for us on the cross was the ultimate gift.

Many tears were shed and much was sacrificed to bring Analise and Maggie home... but having our whole family together this Christmas is a gift from the Father we will all treasure.



No Room in the Inn!

One of our greatest joys in ministry has been the orphanage at Open Door Haiti. God has provided in so many ways... from the \$100,000 raised in 100 days after the earthquake in 2010 to build the orphanage, to the recent \$60,000 gift to expand the orphanage and open up space to provide a

home for 25 more children. Since the orphanage opened three years ago, we've had to turn away many... there was just no room. But God has made a way. He has provided again. And now, we trust Him to provide the additional sponsors we'll need to care for all these children.



Girls, Girls, Girls!



Marisa, 18 and in 12th grade, is the Editor and Chief of the Yearbook, has started her own photography business and has a part-time job... all while pushing hard for academic honors and scholarships in her Inter Baccalaureate program at school. College applications are out... we're excited to see where God takes Marisa next.



Jaclyn, 16 and in 10th grade, loves to perform! She sings with First Take and the Destiny Choir and earned on stage roles in The Wizard of Oz and The Bad Seed. She's also been honored with an All State Choir selection and the opportunity to perform at Disney.



Emma, 14 and in 8th grade, loves singing in Choir at school, runs Cross Country and Track, and excels in her studies in the Pre Inter Baccalaureate program at school. She loves to create, especially if it involves baking up sweet treats in the kitchen to share with the rest of the family.

Analise, 14 and in the 7th grade, is adjusting to a very different life in America. Imagine leaving behind life in rural Haiti for the jungle we call Middle School :) It's amazing to see how much her English has improved in eight short months. She loves to do her nails, listen to music, ride her bike, and play Just Dance on the Wii.



Mary-Faith, 12 and in 6th grade, is adjusting well to life in Middle School and has followed in her sisters footsteps by joining the challenging Pre Inter Baccalaureate program. She loves music, taking pictures of Florida's beautiful sunsets, and her dog Gizmo.



Maggie, 11 and in the 4th grade, loves life and is a ball of energy. She loves to help Mommy in the kitchen, watch movies or kids shows on Netflix, play with dolls and act silly and laugh with her sisters. She works hard in school and is improving in English every day..



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God continues to do miracles at Open Door... 1500 children being educated and fed in 4 schools... 2 new churches... Clinic and Orphanage expansions...

SONLIFE

Speaking & Training students & leaders in Jesus' disciple making priorities across the US in 2014... FL, GA, DC, MN, IL, NE, CA, AZ, TX, CO, MO, WI, TN, WA, OR, OH

GLOBAL YOUTH

2014 Leadership gathering in Turkey/Ephesus... 2015 Leadership Summit with 250 leaders from 80 countries in Israel

SALT LIFE

It's hard to believe we've lived in Florida for fifteen years. We've put down deep roots, living in the same home the last fifteen years and being a part of the same church family the last thirteen. It's great to call Orlando home and to take advantage of everything life offers here... the beach, the parks, the sunshine. We feel so blessed, enjoying each day the Lord brings us, filled with love and laughter.



SALT & LIGHT

Jennifer serves at church on the worship team and continues to lead a jr. high girls small group, something she has done since we first got married 22 years ago. She loves having so much family nearby, and life is very busy being the mom (taxi driver) for six busy, beautiful daughters! A highlight this year was traveling to Israel with her Dad.

*Serving Christ,
Doug, Jen & the girls*

THANK YOU!

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILY AND MINISTRY IN 2014. 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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