



January 2019

Autumn & Winter gifts

Warm greetings dear family and friends!

We love to give and receive gifts. It's part of our nature – right?! God gave us his Son, the most precious love gift anyone could give. What an example of generosity!

In the autumn, when the trees amazed us with their brilliant yellows and reds, we refreshed our bodies and minds in a gift received: a weekend stay at a chalet in the Appalachian Mountains. Thank you, Jesus, for fun love-gifts and creative gift-givers.

Celebrating an American Thanksgiving (late November) we gave the gift of food, fellowship and the gospel to our Chinese neighbors. We cooked a traditional American Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings and served Chinese guests at our church. Pray the testimonies shared in Mandarin bring people to the ultimate love gift: Jesus.





Today, as I write, snow blankets our home. In December we shared the gift of Jesus through *Journey to Bethlehem*, a walk-through drama enjoyed by young and old. Pray the travelers on this journey see Jesus, the creator of new life for each of us.

Prayer & Praise

- Praise God for the generous gifts he gives us each day. Open our eyes to see, feel, touch and enjoy each gift. May we also give freely.
- Pray for David as he takes on the workload of a co-worker in Swaziland (Eswatini) who is going on furlough for several months. Pray for the technical and physical adjustments needed with the complications of working for Africa in North Carolina.
- Pray for Flora as she writes an update-insert for her book, *Reaching Beyond Barriers*, which will be released in late January. A decade has passed since she wrote about the gospel reach within West Africa. Expanding the coverage into the most populous country of Africa is the current goal. Do you know which country this is? Are you aware of the need in this country for the gospel? If you are interested in a copy of the update, let us know.

Blessings dear ones,

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