



*Merry
Christmas!*

After 400 years under the oppression of Greeks and Romans, God's people may have thought Him slow in keeping His promises. Did He see them? Did He care? In the fullness of time (Gal 4:1) He did come. Though to their surprise it was to a nowhere town, missed by nearly everyone and felt by almost no one until 30 or so years later when He turned water to wine (Jn 2) and declared the kingdom of God at hand (Mk 1:14). **His plans are not our plans and His ways are not our ways** (Is 55:8-9); they're better and wiser and ultimately for His glory and our good.

This Christmas we celebrate with you the wisdom and goodness of His plans. When we were in Western PA, New York City was not on our radar, yet He used our time there to powerfully equip us for urban ministry. Around this time last year, DC was not on our radar, but now in His goodness, we are settled in a beautiful rental house, connected to a strong and growing staff team, ministering to a spiritually hungry student population, and **expecting with so much joy our third baby girl (in March)!**

In so many ways **you are the ones who make this possible as God has worked through your prayers and giving** and encouragement to sustain us. Students are hearing the gospel and walking from death to life, from darkness to light. Thank you for helping us get the gospel within arms reach of these DC students. And thank you for your encouragement in our new chapter of life and ministry.

As we end the year we are trusting Him to provide \$15,500 to cover the many medical expenses coming with the birth of our third, as well as the cost of crucial conferences for students and staff (like the upcoming Winter Conference).

Would you consider giving a special Christmas gift of \$100, \$500 or \$1,000? Your gift can help us minister more effectively and bring eternal, Christ-centered change to this spiritually needy city.

Praising God for you and your hearts to see Christ magnified in dark places!

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