

Merry Christmas

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Days rushed to months. Months became nearly a year. And now we can't help but think what an incredible first season of marriage it's been! As we enter the Christmas season we just marvel that so much of what He's taught us about marriage and ourselves He's already whispered in the Christmas story. Remember how He came.. in weakness as a baby.. and lived in poverty and served in humility? Remember how He willingly entered into our brokenness and laid down His life for stubborn, ungrateful people, even us? He chose us when we were unattractive and came to us when we were far. Truer love has never been shown. Like Christ we love, not because the other is worthy, but because He first loved us (1 John 4:17).



And it is this love that has driven us in ministry this year. As Ashley worked with Jasmine it was incredible watching God deepen Jasmine's faith. It seemed the closer she drew to Christ, the more freshmen He'd send to her Bible study! And one of David's disciples, Tyler, is now leading David's Bible study. As he matured he began connecting the truths of scripture with these guys' hearts better than David was!

And there is still much we're anticipating! As you know we are currently in the process of relocating to New York City. Over a million college students are waiting to hear a clear and compelling presentation of the gospel, and we are eagerly looking forward to ministering and serving in the city. This will cause our cost of living expenses to spike significantly. We've also incurred a string of medical bills (easily totaling over \$1,000) as David has been seeking to address some GI troubles. Would you prayerfully consider giving a special Christmas gift to help us meet all these needs?

We so appreciate your prayers and encouragement. We know we couldn't carry out the work He's called us to without your partnership.

Thanking God for you (Phil 1:3),

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"...whoever wishes to be great among you shall become your servant, and whoever wishes to become first among you shall be your slave."

Matthew 20:26-27

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