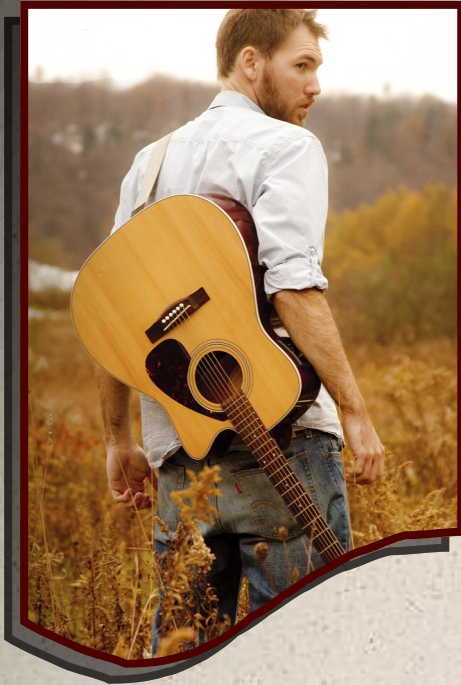


Merry Christmas

December 2012
Year 5 Letter 3



As I drive around town, I see the neighborhood beginning to glow with the cheer of Christmas lights. Shoppers walk peppier to the melodies of 'Deck The Halls' or 'We Three Kings.' Generous types and non-gifters alike are exchanging presents. The atmosphere just changes. What is this season that causes such marked openness in our culture? It amazes me that even while our society generally rejects Jesus and His commands, God's initial gift still inspires love and cheer. I find myself longing for the people around me who decorate with an earthly holiday happiness to know the depth of joy and satisfaction found in this perfect gift God gave to demonstrate His love for us (Rom 5:8) in the fullness of the times (Gal 4:4). Oh that such earthly cheer could be rooted in eternal hope and joy in Him! This was the hope God was securing for us at Jesus' birth.

Thank you for praising Him with me over this past year as He's continued to expand our hope, showing Himself faithful to build His ministries all over Southwestern Pennsylvania! I think of the recent outreach to international students where we saw nearly 200 attend and hear about the first Thanksgiving. Then Ola, a Nigerian IUP student, shared the story of how Jesus changed her life. It was a perfect opportunity to welcome internationals and build lasting relationships with them.

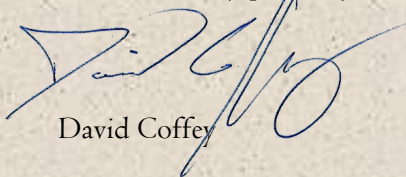
I think of the answered prayers for God to raise up students passionate for their peers to know Him (1 Thes 2:8), who would spur each other on to good deeds (Heb 10:24) and entrust the faith to others (2 Tim 2:2). Students like Mark and Jocelyn and Ashley and Justin and Mardia and DJ and several others who have spent tireless hours leading bible studies, worship, outreaches and planning meetings, because they care about lost people and the glory of God! And I think of Kelsey and Jess and Tyler and Emily to name a few who have recently come into the family of God as a result of God's work through the ministries here. You are apart of something great, and I'm so thankful for your continued support for me as He leads me!

You may remember my trip to Venezuela last summer. With its success the regional leadership team has asked me to lead the Venezuela Summer Project again this summer! As soon as I left the country in July I knew I needed to go back, so I was more than thrilled to accept again. I'm also taking some additional seminary classes with Cru this December (Biblical Interpretation and Biblical Communication) to further my spiritual development and effectiveness on campus.

These will both be sizeable expenses, and especially with our Radiate conference coming at the end of December (which we try to help students pay for) I will be trusting the Lord to provide. Would you prayerfully consider giving a special Christmas gift to help meet these needs?

Thank you so much! Always grateful for all your prayers and support

Until all hear (Eph 6:19),



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