

The Trumpet Call DECEMBER 2023

“...IF THE TRUMPET DOES NOT SOUND A CLEAR CALL, WHO WILL GET READY FOR BATTLE?” 1 Corinthians 14:8

Dear Friends and Family: **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

To us it feels like last week we were wrapping up our Thanksgiving celebration and moving forward into December. Now almost one month after Thanksgiving we have completely lost the handle on the brake switch. We do pray you all had a wonderful time of Thanksgiving, we certainly did. Then we sprinted on with Getting a barn and, Lord willing, our house further winterized. Fortunately we seem to have some very workable Falls in this part of Wyoming, at least God has graced us with such the last two Fall seasons.

In line with that we are regularly reminded of just how much we have to be thankful for. In drastic contrast to how much of the world lives we enjoy a relative life of peace and abundance. I have rarely wondered if there will be building materials even available to do the job I'm working on. Even though these realities feel important, they honestly dim in comparison to the reality that we are blessed to have the Creator God living with and in us.

“the virgin (Mary) will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him “Immanuel!” which means “God with us.” Matthew 1:23 NIV

It is hard to imagine a more person way to describe what God did in sending Jesus, knowing all that He would accomplish for us. What a wonderful truth, God with us. Loving us, saving us, comforting us and caring for us through everything we will ever face in this life. GOD WITH US!!!

This past year there have been some significant losses among our friends and family. Many of you have likely experienced similar realities. What a deep comfort to know that God is with us in the midst of life harsh realities. Not simply his thoughts are with us, his angels are there for us, but God HIMSELF is with us. Living between two mountain ranges we can see many storms and and go. We are blessed to have many of them miss us completely and go around us. But often we see them build and come and then go. Our lives are often much like those storms. Storm clouds build and come and seem so daunting. Sometime they dump snow or rain on us, but many times they simply dissipate and go on. The realities of life often give us a sense of impending storms. What a blessing and comfort to know that when the storms of life come and go God is there with us.

Even though we have been living here over a year, based upon the many requests we received after our last newsletter providing our new address in Wyoming, we thought it would be good to provide it again. So without making too much out of it, here it is! :)

P.O. Box 128; Daniel, WY 83115

Thank you for updating your records with this info. We have loved getting Christmas cards—even in the “wide, open spaces” of Wyoming! ;) We are blessed and indeed THANKFUL for dear friends and wonderful supporters!

We pray that this Christmas you all would also find/know the reality of HIS being with us, which we have in Jesus Alone!! Thank you for walking this amazing journey with us.

Wishing you a wonderful and meaningful Christmas!

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Praise and Prayer

***Praise** God for the 25 students enrolled and started in the missionary training school in Kenya.

***Praise** for the students already committed to come and be a part of the residential training this coming year as well!

***Praise** for the health we enjoy and the privilege of continuing to serve people around the world.

***Praise** God for HIS miraculous provision of electricity, well and everything we've needed to settle in our new place.

***Please pray** that the ministries of SERVED would continue to be effective, and for opportunities to accurately represent HIM to those being served.

***Please pray** for safety in travel, and for opportunity to attend the graduation of the school in Kenya this June.

~~THANK YOU!~~

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Family



Annaliesa is crazy-busy in her doctoral program. We are looking much forward to having her with us again for Christmas! Ty is obviously with us in Wyoming, and loving the “wide open spaces.” :) Growing way too fast!



Ty holding what we hope will be the future pine trees for our property. it will be enjoyable to see these trees grow up with Ty.

Elya and Cameron added Baby Number 3 this year! Lina Joy has been a wonderful addition to Jackson and Keziah (3 and 1) who continue to be enjoyable bundles of energy.

We have been blessed by the help of a dear friend from Colorado who has helped in a number of ways in our construction, but especially in the rough in of the kitchen and plumbing of the 2nd bath.



We are so thankful for the privilege of doing what we do, the ministry we enjoy, and the amazing place we get to live. Truly HE has filled us with joy in His presence.

What a privilege to walk the journey of faith and ministry with Pastor Alex and his wife Patriciah in the starting and going forward with the Global School of Missions and Spiritual Formation. We have all learned a lot and grown together and in HIM in the process. I prayerfully will be able to join them this coming June for the graduation of the first class.



