



**"Unto us a Savior is born  
His kingdom will never end"**

Dear Friends and Partners,

We hope all of you are enjoying this season of the year. It is a busy time as we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. In all of the busyness of Christmas parties, gift shopping and school programs we do find opportunities to reflect on the most important reason for the season

Our family is growing up! We are enjoying this season of life as we watch our eleven grand children grow and become young adults. Four have graduated from college and are gainfully employed.

\* Peter, the oldest, is still working for Menard's at their headquarters in Wisconsin as an Inventory Analyst for 300 plus stores.

\*Emily recently moved to Madison, WI. Where she works at the University of Wisconsin Medical Center as a Laboratory Scientist.

\*Mark recently completed Pilot Training and will begin his new assignment at Vance Air Force Base as a Pilot Instructor. He was married to Brittney last December and they bought their first house in Enid, OK this summer.

\* Matthias graduated from IPFW in Fort Wayne last spring and is working for an Accounting Firm in Fort Wayne. He spent the summer preparing for the CPA exam. He is engaged to Hannah. They are planning to be married next summer.

\*The remaining seven are still at various levels of school ranging from middle school to senior in college.

Our ministry to the Chinese is exciting and we are renewed every day when we see how God is directing our way.

\*Early in December we organized a Christmas Banquet and seventy eight scholars attended and heard a very clear presentation of the "True Meaning of Christmas", our speaker Margaret Baker, was very relatable and presented a very clear message leading up to the birth of Jesus. Having spent several years in China she was able to speak in Chinese. At the end there was a lot of discussion at each table about the topic with our American table host. Many of them reported that they had very good discussions and made connections to follow up with them. Many of the Chinese want to join our weekly Bible studies and English class. Yeah!

\*This week we had several of our Chinese friends over to make Christmas cookies and put our Christmas tree up. This was the first time experience for most of them. Can you imagine? This is one way we build relationships and they learn about Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Lynn and Mary*  
COM Team Leaders



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