



Saved By God's Grace Newsletter

Merry Christmas 2015

My Friends,

Life at times seems to be better than it should...right now that is what I am feeling. Tammy and I have not been able to celebrate Christmas with our kids for 5 years and this year we are together with them. We have spent a wonderful night at the Phoenix Zoo "Zoo Lights" and woke up to a wonderful breakfast and then watched a Christmas show on TV. We opened presents and spent the rest of Christmas day eating and talking with family and friends...what a wonderful day it will be. That said, I am remembering the last 5 years Christmas days which Tammy and I spent in Kenya. Where we are located there are very few celebrations, not many presents (if any)...hope is to have enough money so a special meal could be eaten. This year we have done what we could with our people on the ground and the resource we have to help those who have very little to celebrate, but it seems so inadequate. It almost makes me sad, maybe guilty is a better word, for the blessing I am experiencing. Why me and not them...is it just a cruel cosmic joke that they were born where they were born? Why am I so blessed while others suffer terribly? I yearn to be able to find contentment while in the US where we have so much which we take for granted and be content and grateful to the Almighty who has given me this blessing. I am painfully aware that our culture drives us and also allows us to put on blinders to most of the rest of the world, but when you have experienced some of the "rest of the world" then things change...you can't unsee what you have seen. So I am working on simply thanking my Father for this blessing and gratefully acknowledging it, but asking that He continue to use us to serve the less fortunate through the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus...the true Good News, Hope, and reason for the celebration of this season.

My prayer for you this Christmas is that you experience His love and joy of the season (and life in general), brought to us as a gift from the Creator of the Universe through His Son, Jesus. I also pray you are moved by the Holy Spirit to assist those who are losing or have lost hope. That you may be a light which they have not seen in a long time or have never seen. That you bring hope where there does not seem to be any and allow the true Hope of Christmas to be seen which is Christ Jesus our Lord.

Again, Merry Christmas.

The Ministry has expanded a lot during 2015 and we need your continued support. I happily and gratefully tell you the ministry of Saved By God's Grace has expanded throughout Kenya. God is allowing us to share the Gospel message to many throughout the country through many different ministries. He is showing hope where there seemed only to be despair. Where people see things happening through the ministry, they are flocking to know what is going on and why. When they hear it is by the grace and love of God things are occurring (medical help, food distributions, homes rebuilt, education being paid for, etc), they give glory to God and want to know more about the God we serve. May our Father continue to glorify Himself through what we do.

To this end we need your prayerful financial support. We will continue to expand what we do as long as God provides the finances through you. Please consider a year end contribution to Saved By God's Grace and even becoming a monthly supporter in 2016. You can see what we are doing (and you are a part of) on a regular basis by viewing Tammy's blog by clicking [HERE](#). You can see hope being spread and see the expressions of those who have gone from despair and hopelessness to seeing the possibility of hope and an outpouring of love brought by servants of the Lord of Hosts, Jesus Christ.

If you are in a position to support the mission, you can proceed to the website donation page by clicking [HERE](#) and making your contribution. If you want to assist by check, you can have it postmarked by December 31 to get a 2015 tax deduction and mail it to our ministry address of 4410 W. Union Hills Drive, Suite 7, Glendale, AZ 85308. Thanks in advance for assisting us in proclaiming the Good News which came to us many Christmas days ago through helping His people we have been called to serve.

We will be keeping you up to date on what is happening in the ministry and the people we serve as we go forward in 2016. I anticipate I will be heading back to Kenya in early March. Before that time I am certainly available to speak about the ministry and the God who has called us to serve. It is important to me to inform as many people as I can about the love of Christ and the ministry He has called us to. It is for our good and the good of the people we serve that we do not waste the grace God is giving...we must make disciples as Jesus commanded us by telling others about Him. Just contact me through email at chuck@savedbygodsgrace.org or at my phone of [602.703.3045](tel:602.703.3045) to organize a meeting...I would love to see you.

May the love of Christ Jesus be with you today and all your days....Merry Christmas and have a blessed beginning in 2016.

Serving with you only by His grace,

Chuck

Missionary to Kenya

