



December 2017

Christmas Greetings from the Geers,

The Lord has safely taken us thousands of miles and over the “big pond” 10 times this year! When we think of missionaries of old and the difficulty and hardships of travel and ministry, we feel so blessed at what we are able to do for the Lord in relative ease. No, travel is not easy but we have never had to sail for months in a rough, smelly ship, struggle with life long disease from improper food and water, suffer persecution and imprisonment for the cause of Christ or be without regular communication with friends and loved ones. We are so blessed and grateful and look at our small struggles as a very light affliction in comparison.

Our pastor recently preached a message which greatly encouraged our hearts. It was about what Mary pondered. One of the things that Mary pondered was that she was hand picked by God. She was highly favored. Being highly favored does not mean that everything will be easy and go well, rather it means that God trusted her to go through many difficulties with a good spirit. She was going to face sacrifices that no-one else would have to deal with and God trusted her to go through them in a proper manner. He said that we as Christians are also highly favored. The Lord Jesus came to our house, he called us to salvation, he calls us to service and he trusts us to deal with our difficulties in a proper manner. How blessed we are that Jesus came! May we all face the challenges of this coming year as Mary faced them, magnifying the Lord and rejoicing in God our Saviour. Luke 1:46-47

We spent the Fall doing teacher training, mission conference and special meetings in North Carolina, Ohio and Texas and got home in time to see it SNOW in Austin, a once in a blue moon event. Our son even built a miniature snowman in our yard. We have been blessed this year being able to live close to our son and his family and have gotten to sneak kisses from our little granddaughters more often because of it!

Just as the new year rolls around we will be headed across that pond one more time to work in Australia and Philippines through the beginning of May. WhatsApp allows free communication all over the world - you can call any time through it, (please, just check the world clock to see what time it is where we are!).

God Bless and MERRY CHRISTMAS,

Tom & Cris Geer

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