

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



*“Those who have walked in darkness have seen a great light...for to us a child is born...and His name shall be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9*



We hope this finds you and your family with a spirit of joy and thanksgiving as we celebrate the Christmas season and marvel together at the wondrous mystery, Holy Son of God laying aside His majesty to be born as flesh in the Bethlehem manger. Truly the wonder of this season points to the great story of redemption that God has purposed for fallen mankind, a reality in which we are to live, not just in this season of Christmas, but day by day. The marvel of the gospel message, accomplished in the finished work

of Mary’s sweet babe on Calvary’s cross, is the liberating message of hope and life, grace and mercy, freedom and victory that sustains our family today and for all of our tomorrows yet to come. As the seasons blossom and fade and the years of life seem to hasten on, we continue to grow in our understanding of the profound depth of the hope we have in the gospel and our radical need for its transforming power, not just at the moment of salvation, not just as a sweet reminder of Christ this Christmas season, but for life and godliness each and every day of life here on earth!



As we reflect upon the closing of another year, evidences of God’s goodness and grace in our family abound. We praise Him for giving us life according to His Word, blessing us with an abundance of loving relationships with friends and family, bestowing upon us good things, and permitting both joys and trials that point us back to Him and reveal our incessant need for Him. Contemplating the past year brings thoughts of thanksgiving and affirmation that truly God is good and He does good...a truth we cling to through the daily grind of large family demands, homeschooling, ministry and life. In times of ease, He is good. In times of sorrow, He is good. In seasons of weariness, He is good. In times of want, in seasons of abundance, in times of understanding, in seasons of unknown...in all He is good and He does good!



Backpacking in the Jewel Basin



Jamy in Israel



Cross Country Racing!



Caleb helping to feed the cows



Our new pups Clancy and Jane



Camping!



West Coast Vacation



Enjoying a batch of baby pigs



Summer Fun



Our hope for our hearts and the hearts of our children and those of you we love as family and friends is that we walk through not only this Christmas season but all of life with our eyes on the cross and with hearts and minds being conformed to the image of Christ. May you be blessed this Christmas through the knowledge of Jesus Christ given us in the Word by His own glory and goodness! Merry Christmas!

Love,

Jamy & Lisa , Joella (13), Aleyah (11), Dinah (10), Eva (8), Hannah (6) and Caleb (3)