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News from the Tyas family
Serving in WA among the Hispanic community

December 2022 and January 2023

From the Notes of Ed and Gerry...



Dear friends and family,

Hope is our theme for December and January at our house..Because of Christ we can have **HOPE**.

“May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

At the writing of this letter it is snowing outside. It is surely pretty but very cold.

The Bible Clubs have just finished and we are continuing to visit in people’s homes. Some of our friends are traveling to be with family at this time of year but many are staying here and we are looking forward to visiting in their homes around the Christmas season. We have the privilege of visiting in peoples homes all year long but it is especially special around Christmas time. At this time the Story of the Christ Child is shared and tamales are eaten. It is a special occasion. We cherish these times. May you have an especially meaningful Christmas as you draw near to ones you love and the ONE who loves you.



Prayer and Praise

*It is hard to believe that in less than 3 weeks we will be tent camping and participating in a mission outreach in Mexico. We covet your prayer for protection and fruitfulness. We will be gone January 11 thru 28.

*Activities that will resume when we return ---

Continuing with Bible Clubs

Contact with many families through visiting in homes.

CHRISTMAS LETTER 2022

Every year is a little different isn't it? This year has followed the same pattern.

With dealing with the effects of the flood a year ago in our local area to coming back from the pandemic it has been a different kind of year but each day God gives His grace and we are excited to see what He has for us.

Ed, Gerry, and William made a trip to Dallas (Texas, not Oregon) in March for the National Conference for the mission we are affiliated with. It was nice to enjoy some 70 degree weather for a few days, meet with old friends, make new friends with folks we'd only seen on Zoom, be refreshed, and eat some Texas barbecue.

Another post covid reopening saw Ed headed up to Canada to help out at a Christian camp there. He got to do exciting things like unload building materials off a barge with a track loader, which didn't break down till the last load was able to be picked up. Thank you, Lord! Followed, of course, by getting to fix it the next day so we could continue using it. God is working in the hearts of some of the First Nations people the camp serves, praise His name! It is always enjoyable getting to see the beauty of God's creation in each place where God uses us and the beauty of the people He places there.

Ed and Gerry made a flying 3 day trip in the car to southern Oregon in May to see Gerry's family and attend the memorial service for a friend.

Summer was late in coming this year but when it did come, after the 4th of July, it didn't

want to leave. What a glorious summer! We think we had our latest 80+ degree day in mid October. For those of you who have lived in the Pacific NW, you know how unusual that is.

William was tired of looking at the 4 walls here (working from home, writing software), so he took a week and drove to Montana to see new scenery he'd never seen before.

In late July, Ed and Gerry got to help out for a week at Bible camp; it had not been held for 3 years due to the pandemic. Always enjoyable!

Douglas is interested in Disc Golf tournaments, so he went to the Portland, Oregon area for one in the Spring and to Boston for one in the Fall. Ask him for the exciting details! He continues to make the grounds at Cedar Springs Christian Retreat Center up the road look beautiful, even in the winter.

Ed did his first snow plow job for this year Nov. 30. Also very unusual to be so early. Now that snow is on the ground again there is a lot of snow to plow for various places of business.

Now we come to this time of year and we want to say how very thankful we are to you as friends. We cherish our friends and want to send you a very special wish that you have a special Christmas season as we worship the one who came for us and that He be especially precious to you as we enter this new year.

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