



Merry Christmas



December 2016

Once again we have the privilege of **celebrating our Savior's birth!** Even though it is cold outside. God is always pursuing people - you and me. When He does.....growth and vitality spring up and our lives change. We are thankful as we celebrate - the Birth of Jesus - His Salvation Mission - and that He gives us New Life!

Here is a brief recap of our year:

Nate and **Katie** and **Otto** (affectionally called K'Nattio) made a big move this year. In May they wrapped up their time in Philadelphia and said goodbye to friends. They moved to Marquette to rest and begin a job search. In August **Nate** accepted a job at UP Health Systems Marquette in the inpatient Intensive Addiction Services department. They are renting an apartment 2.5 blocks away. It is a wonderful joy to have them so close. **Otto** is a happy growing 19 month old. Nate & Katie are adapting well to parenthood. **Katie** enjoys being home with **Otto** and she is also working part time as a care giver to a man with autism. They have connected to many peers with growing families.

Luke and **Adriana** and **Aaron** have had an eventful year. In January our immediate family celebrated with them in a civil marriage at the Marquette court house. Then in August they returned to have a Christian marriage in the backyard garden of friends here in Marquette. Their Latino pastor from AL performed the ceremony. (The enclosed picture captures that special day, including Adriana's mom.) They are living and working in Jacksonville, Alabama. **Luke** as the primary ESL teacher at JSU. **Adriana** is at home with **Aaron** who is now 14 months old and is very active. They purchased a home that needed extensive work, but Luke worked as general contractor and plumber and they have a beautiful 2 bedroom home. We were able to visit them in November and **Dave** helped **Luke** build a 12' X 20' storage shed in the back yard. They are looking forward to a more relaxing year.

Josh has been living and working in the Lansing, MI area. **Josh** is very fulfilled as the Creative Director at Riverview Church. Riv keeps Josh pretty busy and is a wonderful place where God's Word is proclaimed and Josh's skills shine! If you'd like to see some of his work, you can go to rivchurch.com. **Josh's** big news this year is that he is soon to be a home owner. It will also need a good amount of work, but Josh has numerous people who have already volunteered to help. We are very excited for him!!

Dave & Susan have had another busy year serving as the Team Leaders with Cru in Michigan's UP. We are thankful as we see God's grace working in the students lives we get to interact with at NMU, MTU and Finlandia Univ. This past fall we had 3 Cru Interns join our team. We have really enjoyed the energy and creativity they bring to our team. This past year we traveled a good bit for work and for vacation. We enjoyed visiting our family and grandsons. **We are so proud of our 3 sons, our 2 lovely daughters in law and 2 grandsons!!** *We are also very thankful for God's unfailing grace in our lives!*

We hope this Season brings you the Joy by celebrating our Savior's birth!!
We wish you God's blessings and a new year filled with His Matchless Grace.

Love & Cheer,

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