

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:14

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## *Happy holidays, friends!*

The season of giving is upon us and the first thing we'd like to do is give thanks! We give thanks to God for you all who have so faithfully ministered to our family through your prayers, time, and cheerful giving. We are truly grateful to God and can't express that enough. "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now." (Phil 1:3-5)

This year has been a tough one on many accounts for us (as I'm sure for a lot of you as well). There have been many times when I've started writing a newsletter to let you

know what's happening and then completely scratched it because of all the changes. Other times, we've posted on Facebook about something happening, only to have it not come to fruition.

In the late summer of 2019, we felt the Lord shifting our hearts toward adult ministry, but we did not know where that might take us. We felt stuck in the unknown waiting for when God would say, "Go." God was having us wait for a reason, and we grew spiritually, emotionally, and mentally from that time of waiting. A year ago, the thought of moving to California would never have crossed our minds,

but we are excited to share that we will be moving to Travis Air Force Base near Sacramento in December. There may be tests and trials in our ministry at Travis AFB that God knows about, and our growth in the time of waiting will help us with those tests and trials.

As I write this letter for the Christmas season, I remember that Jesus Christ also went through a lot of waiting, transition, and instability as a child and as an adult. It is reassuring that our all-knowing God does not just know what my kids, Rachel, and I are experiencing, but He experienced it as well. I feel so much love and





trust for my Good Shepherd as He guides our family into the next ministry.

### Here are some things you can be praying for:

- For wisdom on what ministry will look like; for us to manage our time well and not jump into things too quickly
- For the kids to make connections with peers—they really miss their friends and cousins
- For good health in the midst of transitions and stress
- For us to develop a good relationship with our new teammates, the Johnsons, and the chaplains at Travis AFB
- For us to be fully funded by the end of the year

Can't say it enough—we are just so thankful for you!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Blessings,

**Steven, Rachel, Kik, Kyro, and Abigail**



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