



*What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace*

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

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To our dear family and friends,

Can you believe this year is almost over? By the time you receive this newsletter, Thanksgiving Day will be past. We have so much for which to be thankful! We are grateful to be partners with you in this ministry. December is fast approaching, so we also wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Jesus is the real reason for Christmas. This season is the time for remembering the birth of Christ, but unfortunately, many don't acknowledge Him. We were in JC Penney recently and noticed all sorts of decorations, but no nativity scene was in sight. Here is a picture of us in front of one of their Christmas trees.



MINISTRY UPDATE

On July 1, we began our first day back on the field by hosting a baby shower for Isaac and Vivian Wilson. We are working full-time with Cadence but still need to raise more support to be fully funded. We are hopeful God will provide. The apartment I mentioned in our January 2023 newsletter has been completed, and we are hosting our dinners and studies there.

We are seeking help to fund a special project: constructing a functional outdoor space where our military community

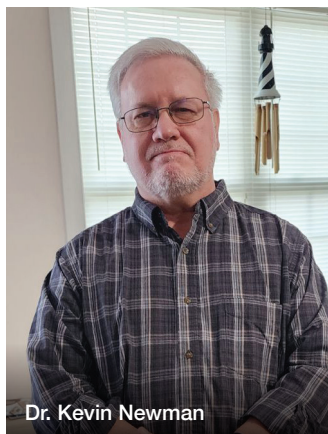
can fellowship, play, and refresh. We pray that warriors will seek God, encourage each other, and build a sense of Christian community in this space. This family-friendly environment will offer multiple seating areas, a prayer/meditation space, and recreational areas, making it perfect for hosting gatherings of diverse sizes. Parents will have an opportunity to fellowship with other adults while their children enjoy the playground set. We need financial support and hands-on volunteers. To learn more or to give, visit Cadence.org/OutdoorProject.



Baby shower for the Wilsons

Let's give a shout-out and praise to God! Larry and I met with Shonda Hicks, and she decided to give her life over to the Lord. She is growing spiritually in Him as we meet weekly.

We are also very thankful to have Dr. Kevin Newman, professor and president of Faith Bible College, come and teach our military families. In addition, we praise God for Chaplain James Breckenridge from Fort Eustis, who will be available to teach us.



Dr. Kevin Newman



Chaplain James Breckenridge

FAMILY UPDATE

Larry and I have both had some serious health issues, but we are doing a lot better. Thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement. Our bodies are aging, and this has brought arthritis, lack of energy, and some minor aches and pains. Please join us in praying for our daughter, Carla, who has been dealing with a lot of seizures and other health issues. Her doctor has ordered her to stay home because they are so severe. I, BB, turned 69 years young on November 20. Larry and I have been married for 47 years!

PRAYER NEEDS

1. Spiritual growth for those we serve
2. For souls to be saved
3. Full financial support
4. Volunteers to help us
5. Continued healing for both of us

We are thankful for you!

Gratefully,

Larry and BB



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