

# ANNUAL UPDATE

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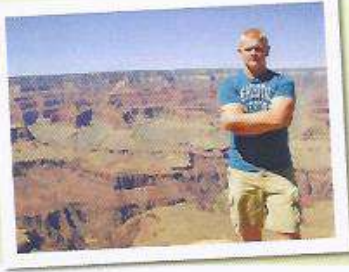
**"The people dwelling in darkness . . ."** Isa 9:2

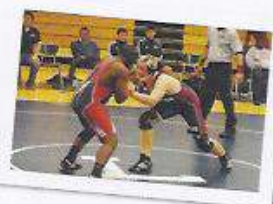
*"... on them a light has dawned." Christmas marks the occasion when God's holy light entered our dark and unholy world. Jesus said, "I have come as a Light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in Me will no longer remain in the darkness."*

### AN APPOINTMENT WITH GOD

Immanuel . . . a name commonly associated with Christmas. We see it engraved on greeting cards; we hear it sung in carols. But do we ever pause to reflect on its meaning? **"God with us."** Perhaps no other word from the pages of Scripture provides more comfort and strength to those who put their trust in God. We may be tempted to pursue God in the extraordinary, but His very Name, Immanuel, is a profound reminder that God desires to

meet us in the ordinary, in the mundane, in the familiar grind of life. And that's really what Christmas is all about. God leaving the glory of heaven to meet with us. God taking the initiative to be a part of our everyday lives. So whatever our circumstances, either at present or in the year to come, the Lord Jesus has a round-the-clock appointment to be with us. Hebrews 13:5 assures us, "He will never leave us; He will never forsake us." **Immanuel.**





## Kayla, 19 Joshua, 16 Hannah, 12

**Kayla** is enjoying year two at Moody Bible Institute. Last month, she invited over 30 of her fellow international students out to our home to celebrate an American Thanksgiving! She works part time for security on campus. **Joshua** is a junior at Wheaton Academy. Just a few games into the football season, he injured his knee (which required surgery). But he's recovered well and is now in wrestling. **Hannah** is in 6th grade. She enjoys Bible Club both at school and at church. Inspired by Kayla's half marathon feat, Hannah ran cross country this past fall. (Oh, and she's just been fitted for braces.)



### Operation Joshua 6

380 volunteers from 40 countries gathered in northern Greece to distribute 124,826 Bible packets to over 400 rural villages. This particular area was where the gospel first made inroads into the West. On Sunday, we all met in the ancient theatre at Philippi, and then traveled a few kilometers to the very river where Lydia, the first recorded European convert, was baptized. I had the privilege to baptize several young people who had committed their lives to Christ.

### Support Needs

Our deepest appreciation to all of you for your prayers and faithful support over the many years. We continue to work on securing our full missionary support. Though we've been blessed to add new supporters over the past few months, because of the present economic environment, some of our existing churches and supporters have needed to cut back. So we still need to raise about \$900 per month. Once our personal support is met, I will then need to raise my travel expenses for the year. If you know of a church or individual who may be interested in participating in our ministry, please contact me by phone or email. Thank you!

