

Christmas 2021

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Wishing you a Wondrous Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Our family is together for Christmas and we are so thankful! It is so good to be all together! We have looked back on this past year with its many challenges, and found even greater moments to treasure, and reasons to be thankful. We can attest to the presence of Christ in the midst of the messy stables where we have found ourselves. God's presence in our lives and work gives us the hope to move forward into each day. It reminds us of why we are here.

We have been in Tanzania for more than 8 years now, which is hard to believe! We recently had Steve's sister, Julie, visiting us, and it was such a joy to share our lives here with her. We were able to see our work and surroundings through her eyes-- her excitement was refreshing and brought us a new awareness and appreciation for the gift we have been given to live and serve the families of this beautiful country. (Last week we sent out an update on our work entitled, "***Of Book Launches and Stables***", in case you missed it).

When we first came to Tanzania, the kids "bargained" with us, telling us they would only come to Africa *if they could each have their own dog*. As you see below, they got more than they bargained for! We made many attempts to get a great photo with the dogs in our arms or facing the camera, but to no avail! This is as good as it gets!

May you find peace and joy unexpected around each turn in your path,

Steve & Jodi, Hannah, Caedmon and Indya



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