

Merry Christmas! There is just something wonderful about saying those words. I love that we can celebrate the birth of Christ together on any continent, in any weather, in any time zone. The birth of Christ transcended all that we could understand, and every moment of His life from conception to ascension points us toward redemption. THAT is a reason to celebrate.

This year we celebrated at Hope Church with 85+ adults and 270+ kids it was quite a party. We had slightly quieter celebration with our 3-yr-old, who squealed with delight at everyone's gifts and our part-time live-in teenager, Annah. God has blessed us with good friends here, and it was wonderful to spend the afternoon with them chatting and watching kids play in the pool. Somehow, even after 6 years, summer just doesn't "feel" like Christmastime... but spending time with family and good friends certainly helps.

2015 has truly been about making disciples. As you know, making disciples requires much more than just telling people about Jesus. It's about "doing life" with people. It's about taking time to know people and slowly helping them see how God sees them and who He is calling them to be. When you walk the road of discipleship with people, it can get messy... but no matter how messy it gets, God is Faithful.

This year we have watched as a group of young teenagers, who started as children in Hope Church, have begun to rise up as leaders in our children's ministry. The teens in this core group are studying the Bible to present offering lessons, Bible stories, and other lessons to the children as well as devotions and challenges for each other during youth meetings. We are so proud of them!

Thank you for being a part of the Engage Africa team and for choosing to allow us to be part of your answer to Jesus' call to make disciples in every nation. We are honoured to do ministry with you!

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Above all, we appreciate your prayers, and we pray for all of you often. We hope that you had a very merry Christmas and are looking forward to a new year of many blessings and adventures with Jesus!

In His Grip, Jeff and Abby Hunt (Beth and Jordan too!)



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