



# Merry Christmas Happy New Year

It's hard to believe we're in 2013! We hope your holidays were full of family, friends, and most of all JESUS! We're looking forward to seeing how God will be working in our lives in the coming year. We have lots of goals for 2013. We still want to update our web site; we have a request for a well at an orphanage in Liberia; we have several ongoing projects we hope to complete; plus all that God has planned for us.

Being in the states during the Christmas season is always a blessing. In the past 12 years, we rarely had the chance to attend Christmas parties. This year our Sunday School class had a party, The Mission Society had a party, plus we visited with friends in our home and in their home. What a wonderful Christmas to be able to share with friends & family.

We welcome a new supporting church for 2013. Snellville United Methodist Church in Snellville, GA has joined us as a partnering church. If you are in the Snellville, GA area, check out <http://www.snellvilleumc.org/>. You will find lots of worship opportunities as well as some great followers of Christ eager to share God's Word with you.



We know we've written to you a lot about our time in Namibia, but there were a couple more things we wanted to share. As we travel, we usually like to buy crosses or something Christian from different countries. In the area of Namibia where we were working, we never found any Christian craft items. There were no crosses, nativity sets, nothing about Christianity in any of the craft shops we visited. Also, the newspapers were full of ads for "spiritual healers" (witch doctors). Some ads that caught our attention: "Dr. Monjo, our male spiritual healer...helps those that are suffering bad luck, lost lovers, (needs) business improvement...". "Our own Namibian female spiritual healer...that can solve any problems that other doctors can't be able to...bad luck...unemployment...". The worst part of one ad reads "Don't die in silence"!! Namibia is in need of prayers!

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We would like to close out 2012 with a suggestion for a 2013 New Year's Resolution. We take this from *Abundant Living*, one of the daily devotionals by E. Stanley Jones. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, Jones wrote about worry. He says that as Christians, we have our very own "Worry Tree" – that's the cross. We suggest that you literally hang a cross at the door you use most often to enter your home – for us it's the garage door. As you enter your home, take a moment to "give" your daily worries to the cross. Walk into your home refreshed and renewed in the knowledge that Jesus has taken care of your worries. As Jones writes, "...I do hang all my worries on Your cross. Compared to that cross, what have I ever suffered? Nothing can make me afraid." If you need a cross for your door, let us know. We'll be glad to send you one.

We give God the Glory for the year we had in 2012, and for guiding us through 2013.



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