

# Sharing

The best gift you can give this  
Christmas Season  
December 2015



## Sharing by Praying

Tis the season...  
As we come together this Christmas season how can we pray for you? Let us know by email.

We ask that you pray for our continued health—we are both now 65!

We ask for prayers that our children & grandsons will continue on God's path for their lives.

We ask for prayers that our coming year's travels will be following the Will of God for our lives.



God has blessed us these past few months by allowing us to share so much with others. We've had friendships renewed and fortified, we've been encouraged by the youth of today, & we've had time to share with family & congregations.

In May we were blessed to have Mary Kay & Charlie Jackson come stay with us for a few days. They are colleagues serving in Ghana, West Africa. Our stories together go back to before we were all missionaries. Mary Kay & Charlie are both engineers, & even closer professionally, Mary Kay & Ed both being civil engineers. To say we have lots to talk about when we are together is an understatement! We did manage to sleep some, but had lots of good conversations. It's always good to have colleagues who are also good friends.

We also had both our children & their families come to visit for 2 weeks during the summer. It's been different raising 2 daughters and now having 4 grandsons. They keep us hopping, but we were up for the challenge. They were here over July 4th, which also includes Ed's birthday on July 5th. Ed's brothers & families also joined us as we shared Independence Day with about 30 family members & friends.

We love to share with new churches, and in October, we were blessed to be invited to



share with Pine Level UMC near Arcadia, FL. This is a beautiful church set in the middle of huge old oak trees shrouded in Spanish moss. The country is home to lots of orange orchards & cattle. It was a great trip where we met a new friend, Jenny Mayo. She was our hostess for the few days we were in Arcadia, and we hope she will continue to be a good friend.



# STEM

## Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics

This is the program we were involved with at Radloff Middle School in Gwinnett County, GA.

We left the school so encouraged with the 7th graders we worked with. They are bright, inquisitive, on task, and kept us on our toes!

The STEM program is defined "as an integrated curriculum (as opposed to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics taught in isolation) that is driven by problem solving, discovery, exploratory project/problem-based learning, and student-centered development of ideas and solutions."

Contact a school near you and share your talents. You'll come away being inspired by the youth of today!

(Feet in a mile=5,280)  
(pH of 9=basic or alkaline)



**O**n the side bar is a description of the STEM program. We were blessed to be able to talk to 3 STEM classes at Radloff Middle School. Each class had about 50 students. Ask these kids how many feet are in a mile or what is meant when we say a pH of 9? These kids know the answers! We gave them a brief presentation about water needs in 3rd world countries. We then took them outside for a hands on carrying water exercise. We think most of the kids found



the exercise harder than they expected. Back in the classroom, we continued discussing water needs & how these needs may be met in different countries. For 2 hrs. these kids were engaged & on task. Proud of the youth of today!

**D**uring Thanksgiving, we visited our daughter & family in California. While there, we had the great fortune to spend a week-end with Vaneida White. Many of you may remember that Vaneida is a physician, and worked with us in Paraguay for nearly 3 yrs. Her sister lives with her, and commented, "do you guys talk all the time?" YES, we had lots to catch up on. What a blessing to have such good friends we can share memories with!



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