



# THE PUBOLS POST



"Today in the town of David a savior has been born; he is Christ the Lord." —Luke 2:11, NIV

## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Christians around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus in different ways. Kenyans celebrate by participating in church services and gathering with family for a large dinner. The meal could include chicken, goat, mutton, or beef.

Over the nine days before Christmas Eve, many Mexican communities participate in *Posadas*, or a reenactment of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and their search for a place to stay upon arrival. In the Philippines, star lanterns called, *parols*, begin to appear on houses and streets as early as September.

No matter how you celebrate Christmas, remember during your festivities that there are still hundreds of millions of people who have never heard that Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, was born and lives today. God's Word has not yet been made available to them in a language they can understand.

As they say in Kenya (in Swahili): *Na azaliwe ndani yako!* (*May the Lord be born within you this Christmas!*)



**Christmas Parol.** These star lanterns symbolize the star that led the magi to Jesus. They can be found all over the Philippines during the Christmas season.

## OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

We've lived life on the road for a good portion of this year, focusing on building a team of ministry partners. We've had opportunities to speak at many churches and Wycliffe Associates (WA) banquets. Our first need, however, was for housing for when we weren't on the road. In January, God provided us a place in the northeast about 45 minutes from Heather's parents. Jeff had his first cold winter season there and got to experience shoveling driveways, chipping ice and driving in snow.

Jeff spent a few days in January in California seeing his family and celebrating some family birthdays. When he returned, we connected ourselves with some local activities. Jeff connected with a local men's Bible study. Heather began attending a Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) class in the area. We also both attended the Perspectives course at a local church. The focus of this semester-long course is God's missional plan for the world. It was a good elective study to contribute to our missions knowledge. Because both BSF and Perspectives are offered at locations around the US, we could keep going even when we were traveling.

We spent most of January and February in southern New England, but in March we spent some time in

western New York going to WA banquet planning meetings in Jamestown, Buffalo and Corning. It was still very much winter in that area! We were able to see Niagara Falls and the thick ice that filled the river below.

We spent most of April in Florida visiting with our friends in the area and traveling with the WA banquet tour all around the state. Heather left at the end of the month to go to Thailand for Wycliffe meetings, while Jeff headed up to western New York and Massachusetts to participate in WA banquets.

We met up in Southern California for one more WA banquet. We also visited with a supporting church, and spent some time visiting with family and friends in the area.

We did some more travel around southern New England in June and July connecting with various churches. It was also in June that Heather's father was diagnosed with brain cancer. We were glad to be close by during his surgery and treatment.

In August we headed to Illinois to take Heather's sister back to Wheaton College. We stopped in Indiana along the way and met up with a friend of Heather's from college. We were also able to visit with friends in the Chicago area and speak at their church.

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In October we left for southern California to participate in more WA banquets and visit with family and friends. Heather spent a week in the Philippines in the middle of the trip for Wycliffe meetings. Our next stops were in New Jersey and New York for more WA banquets. We received good news along the way—the

treatment Heather's father is receiving seems to be working. His tumor is shrinking.

We returned to southern New England in time to spend the holidays with Heather's family. It's been a full year! Our team is nearly complete, and we're hoping to leave for Kenya in January.

## \$225 TO GO!

We continue to progress toward our goal for monthly finances. We are so thankful to those who have recently joined our team and those who have been on our team for a while. Your prayer and financial support is important to us! We have only \$225 in regular monthly support left to go. Would you prayerfully consider if you, your church or group could be a part? We have until December 31 to complete our team. To join our team, please complete the response card by clicking here.

## SPECIAL PROJECT

We have set up a special account for a few one-time ministry expenses. We are responsible for purchasing the computers and software we will be using to do our jobs in Kenya. We are also responsible for covering the cost of most required training and orientation courses. Shortly after our arrival in Kenya, we will be going to Tanzania to participate in a two and a half week orientation to the culture of east Africa. Participation in this course will be important to increasing our effectiveness in our roles.

Estimated costs for these expenses:

- \$2000/each for computers and software
- \$3000 for all costs associated with the east Africa orientation course in Tanzania

If you'd like to give a special gift towards these items online, use our names and the project account number (219208-74). By mail, please include a separate note with your check with the project name and account: *Pubols Orientation & Equipment Special Project, Acct #219208-74.*



## PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for supplying more of our monthly financial need.
- Praise God for additional prayer support.
- Praise God for giving us more opportunities to share about our ministry at Wycliffe Associates banquets, churches, and with individuals.
- Pray for Heather's father as he continues to receive treatment for brain cancer.
- Pray that God will give us wisdom in our decisions in light of our current circumstances.
- Pray for God to complete our ministry partnership team by the end of the year.

### ▶ FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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