



## Merry Christmas from Holly December 2019



The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad. Psalm 126:3

Mary used similar words in Luke 1 as she praised the Lord for doing great things for her. God truly has done a great thing for each of us in sending His Son to this world to be our Savior from sin. May our reflection on this greatest of works on our behalf fill our hearts with joy and gratitude as we remember and celebrate this time of year.

I have been blessed with the opportunity to spend Christmas in the states this year with my parents and family. I will be leaving Odessa on the 20th and will return January 12<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to a time of rest and refreshment as I spend time with my family. The break from the normal routine here will also give me the chance to do some reflection on this past year and the ministries I am involved in and to set some goals for 2020. You can pray that God would give insight and wisdom as I seek Him for direction in the coming year.



I have been able to squeeze in some Christmas celebrations before my departure. We had a celebration for all the Choose Life volunteers. It was a chance for us to express our appreciation to them for the time and love they give to this ministry. We also had a time of sharing and it was wonderful to hear some of their testimonies of how God has been at work in their lives and in the lives of some of the clients they are working with. We are so

grateful for all the volunteers God has blessed this ministry with. We currently have around 50 active volunteers.

I also gathered our village clinic ministry staff for a time of celebration. They are such a blessing to me. I have been especially grateful for them this past year as I have adjusted to my new role as director of the medical ministry after Miriam's departure. Miriam trained the staff well and they have been a wonderful support to me. They faithfully show Christ's love to our patients as they keep our clinics running smoothly.



Thank you for your prayers for my client "A" who I mentioned in my last letter. She was unable to go with me to church or the support group several times and now has stopped answering her phone when I call. Pray that when she is at the end of herself and ready for help, that she will be willing to give me a call. Many of the clients we work with at the center have complicated lives with many problems. Pray that our counselors will have wisdom as they work with them and that they will see their need to look to God for help.

During this Christmas season, churches do special services and day camps for kids. The villages where we hold monthly clinics will also be doing special outreaches. Pray that God will use the message of Christmas to draw people to Himself in these villages.

May you be filled with wonder and gratitude as you reflect on the great things God has done for us!

Joyfully,  
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