



merry CHRISTMAS!



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,
PEACE ON EARTH, GOODWILL TOWARD MEN!

Dear Ones,

Ah, Christmas: caroling, presents, children, shopping (ugh), shepherds, wise-guys--I mean "men", Baby, light, love, Life, Emmanuel, God-With-Us! We hope Christmas is all this and more for you & yours.

So much has/is/will be happening with us that we wanted to be sure and share at least a little bit with each of you. Therefore, please forgive this copied letter. It's the best way we could reach all 100+ of you.



First, we're expecting our first child in May, 1990! We just saw little "baby Jones" for the first time at 12 weeks. S/He even waved for the ultrasound camera! We are absolutely thrilled that God has entrusted us with this most precious gift. We have already given our child to the Lord, though knowing we will again and again, especially because...

Second, we have been appointed by the Assemblies of God as Missionaries to the children of Latin America. We've served over four-and-a-half years in pastoral ministry. After a study trip to Costa Rica & El Salvador, where we saw the ministry of Latin America Childcare at work, we felt God calling us to commit our lives to reaching Latin children for Jesus.

In Latin America over 50% of the population is under 15 years of age. Of those who live past 18 years, 85% will enter a Christ-less eternity. We are compelled to do whatever we can to reach them for Christ now, while they are still reachable.

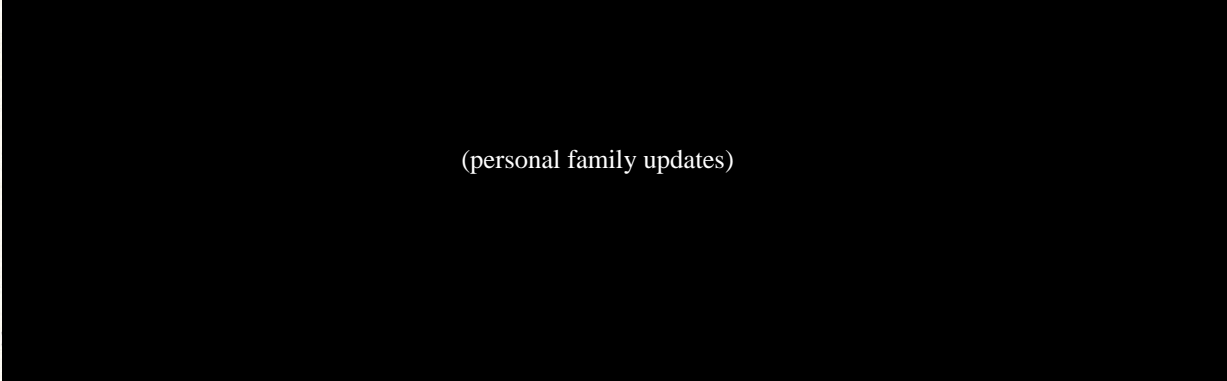


Third, we are moving back to Los Angeles County to be more centrally located for the next 15-18 months of deputation. Come visit if you are in the area, but not on Sundays! We're glad to be closer to [redacted] family

Oh, the rest of our family is doing well. Cinnamon and Sugar (our eternally young and terminally cute puppies) continue to worship us and provide comfort and unconditional acceptance in times of distress. They turned two (that's fourteen for you and me!) in September.

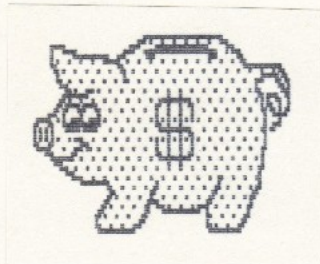
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We plan to be in Salem, OR over the Christmas and New Years holidays with Ron & Bonnie Sheets (503-██████████). We'll begin deputation travel in January upon returning to LA. If you can assist in booking church services in Oregon or Southern California, please let us know.



By now, I suppose you have discovered that pink form enclosed. God told us to ask for people who would be faithful--to go, to pray, to give. If you sense God telling you to join our support team, we'd ask first for a small commitment: pray for us one minute a day. We're trusting God for 1440 minute-men/women to be our prayer army. Then please mail the pledge form, or contact the Assemblies of God Division of Foreign Missions at 1445 Boonville, Springfield, MO 65802, (417) 862-2781.

We'd love to hear from all of you. I promise a personal reply if you write! Let us know where you are and what you are doing.

Grace and Peace,



Try keeping up with us! Here's our address & phone eff. 12/18:
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