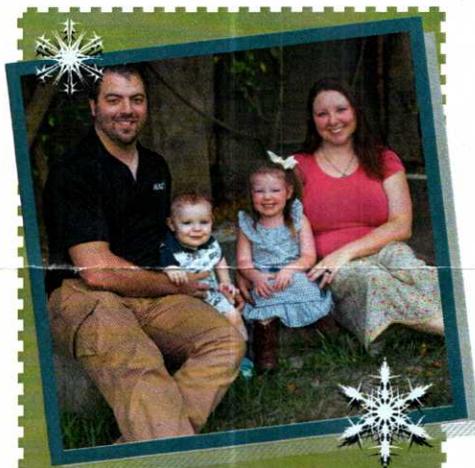


# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



*Thank you for your faithful partnership this year. We are humbled by your generosity and love.*



Dear Family and Friends,

This year has certainly gone by quickly. It feels like we just came back from maternity leave; but I blinked, and now we have a one-year-old son and a 3.5-year-old little girl. Solomon is walking and babbling like crazy. He loves asking about "Ah-duh" (Adah), throwing balls and driving little cars around the floor, and he loves waving bye-bye. Adah is simply blossoming! She is speaking French in school, making lots of new friends, recognizing letters, and has such an active imagination.

As much as we've enjoy watching the children and their personalities bloom, these months have not been without challenges—an unusually long dry season, new and lingering illnesses, political protests, hospital visits, and daily cultural and language challenges. But through all of this, we have had our constant prayer warriors and friends who support us in so many ways. We have been grateful for all that you have done for our family. I am reminded of 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

We are very excited for this upcoming year. We feel the Lord working in our lives and changing things for the good here in Congo using our team. Kevin will finish his exam for the Airline Transport Pilot rating next summer, our team will be receiving a new family in July, and we hope to take a vision trip to one of the villages. On top of this, we have an announcement—Kevin has formally begun Caravan training. This is an incredible privilege. Because of this honor, we will be extending our first term. Instead of going on furlough in March 2016, we will be postponing our furlough until January 2017 in order to complete training. We look forward to catching up with everyone when we return!

In Christ,  
Kevin, Tasha, Adah, & Solomon

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6*

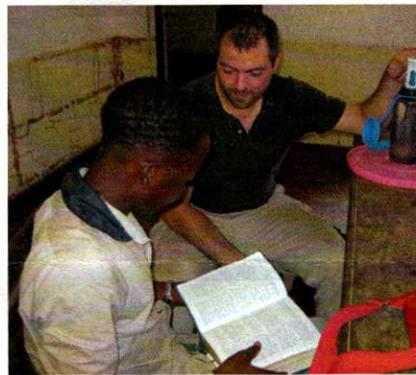
## Ministry Highlights in 2015

We were blessed with some pretty interesting and impactful flights this year. I had the pleasure of doing several medevacs taking young children to and from medical care, and flying humanitarian medical workers into the interior to care for some displaced people groups who had outbreaks of malaria, cholera, and measles. We have done more than the average number of body flights for some very important people (given the cultural weight of being buried in your home village, this is a pretty big ministry opportunity). But looking back, there was one trip for a local missionary that will stick out for years to come.



I took a 7-day voyage with long-time Congolese missionary, Dan Grings, to 4 interior villages so he could visit the local ministers he has trained over the years. In addition to mentoring these church leaders, he also held seminars on marriage, fundamentals of the Christian faith, and grace and forgiveness. Most places we just stayed for the night, but our last destination, Lubao, we stayed for 3 days. It was here I met a young man named Ebondo.

It was evident he had a gentle and kind heart and had picked up some English, so I asked if he would like to study the Bible with me. So while Dan was preaching to the masses, I was able to connect with this one young man. At the end of the week, he told me he wanted to become a minister of the Gospel and go to the Bible school led by the missionary I was flying. As a parting gift, I gave him the French/English Bible we were using. On the return to Kinshasa, Dan told me the trip we were able to accomplish in 1 week, would have taken him over 2 months. That's one reason why we are here. Glory to God this Christmas Season.



## Merry Christmas!

This year certainly was an adventure in parenting. Adah enjoyed being in the U.S. last Christmas when we were on maternity leave. She enjoyed the parades, the trees, the lights, food, family, and the Christmas program at church. And this year, Adah has begun asking me about the things from last year (the girl has a very acute and perceptive memory).

We are doing our best to accommodate while we begin our own family traditions with a little girl who is actively participating. We have set up our own tree (sans light), we have made our own ornaments, and we are even going to participate in a Christmas program at our church here.

While using Facetime recently to talk to the grandparents, Adah was asked what she wanted for Christmas. Adah got a thoughtful expression and happily declared, "Blueberries!" Blueberries are a luxury here. They are roughly \$20 for 1/2 pint and are often squished, molded, and in poor quality by the time they arrive on the shelf.

We want to make a memorable holiday that is unique to our family but we will often face challenges that remind us to focus not on our earthly possessions but the gifts from God.

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