



# Merry Christmas

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Tara and I have had such an amazing year. We have enjoyed our new addition, Caroline Elizabeth. She brings us so much joy as we watch her grow, develop and explore all of God's creation. Her personality is starting to shine and she fills our home with laughter and excitement. Also, it seems the grandparents are visiting more often and that is nice too.

Glory Shiners Ministry has had an amazing year also. We continued to sponsor the feeding program at the school. We added some playground equipment, began raising chickens, provided new kitchen equipment, distributed new shoes and with the help of many hands gave each child a handmade winter hat to match their uniforms. The kids were so excited to get the shoes and hats that they made so much noise the chickens were scared and didn't lay eggs for a week. Just kidding but they were excited.

I also got to spend some time following up with our ministry in the prisons. Julius and I visited Nakuru, Ngeria, Tambach and Kabarnet and followed up with staff and inmates that we have built relationships with. We distributed Bibles, soap, toilet paper, food and other necessities and we got to share the gospel with our Inner Healing Conferences. Many salvations occurred and discipleship continues within the prison ministry. I also heard news of one of the inmates, Amos, being released and welcomed back into his family and village after being away for five years. Amos had participated in our first Inner Healing Conference and helped facilitate others.

While in Kenya, Julius and I traveled to two new communities: Hakati and East Pokot. In both areas we held Inner Healing Conferences for women, the community and Pastors. We also delivered Swahili Bibles, clothing and food.

Our ministry had an opportunity to visit Nepal. I spent two weeks in Nepal helping Vision Rehab Center develop their curriculum. Also, with the help of donors, we were able to fund some new construction for their center.

Tara and I wanted to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas. As the joy, peace and love of Christ fills our home, our lives and our ministry we pray the same for you. May the excitement of Jesus' birth fill your hearts this season.

Blessings,

Joel, Tara and Caroline

