

# Christmas 2021



## Merry Christmas!

What a year this has been for most of us. Can life get back to normal? What is normal? And we move forward, asking God for wisdom and discernment each step of the way.

As daily life began opening up, Marty started to work from the main office in Denver several days a month. Denise has been freer to go to the office occasionally and shop, go with Mom to doctor appointments and be more active. We have been all able to attend church in person, which is a real blessing. We are a part of our church's Connections team, and we serve once a month greeting people as they arrive for the service, welcoming visitors and getting to know regular attenders. It is good to feel more connected to our church family.

Marty's mother, Arlene, is still living with us and is such a blessing to us all, as she prays for us, encourages us, and loves us. She has been enjoying the Seniors' Bible study each week, as well as a women's Bible study each week.

Alison is very busy with her job as an Administrative Assistant at our church and helping Mom and keeping the rest of us delighted with her love of baking. Aaron lives in Reno and loves his job at Microsoft. He is getting involved in his church and making friends. We are so thankful that both Alison and Aaron love the Lord and are sharing their faith. They are such a blessing.

Marty was in several cities this year, meeting and strategizing with some of our workers, and Denise joined him for a gathering of our global directors. In September, we flew -42 total hours!-to Mozambique for another global directors' gathering, visiting some of our ministries there, and getting a better idea of work in Africa. Early December, we will be in Belgium and Paris for six days, having discussions and seeing ministries, and exploring new opportunities.

We are thankful to God for renewed health and for the way He has continued to love us. We are looking forward to a family gathering for Christmas and then for a new year of adventures!

*Marty & Denise Shaw*

