



## Christmas 2022

### Merry Christmas!

As we close out 2022, we reflect on how life is returning to a new normal; with the recent normal come changes that affect our lives each day. Marty now works from our WorldVenture headquarters several days a week, and Denise is freer to occasionally work at the office and take Arlene to doctor appointments and shopping.

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

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Alison returned to the ER, where she once again became an EMT tech. The opportunity to care for people and use her love of the medical world gives her joy. She continues 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 Alison and Aaron love the Lord and share their faith. They are such a blessing.

With more countries open for travel, Marty has made several trips overseas. January and February had us visiting supporting churches and a missions conference. During March, Marty's schedule changed with the war in Ukraine, and he made a trip to Poland to strategize with our workers. Soon after his return, three in our household came down with Covid. Thankfully none of us had severe cases. April had us traveling to Orlando for a regional conference for some of our workers. It was a wonderful time connecting, encouraging one another, and learning. The summer months had several gatherings and events here in Denver, and we were able to take some days off to camp and relax. Those rest days were needed as Marty began two months of intense travel. A research trip to Argentina with WorldVenture colleagues helped to gain insight into a new strategy for reaching the cities. Marty and Denise were both able to make a trip to Japan, visiting with our workers. We also got together with one of the couples who were an integral part of our main church plant.

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

**Marty & Denise Shaw**