

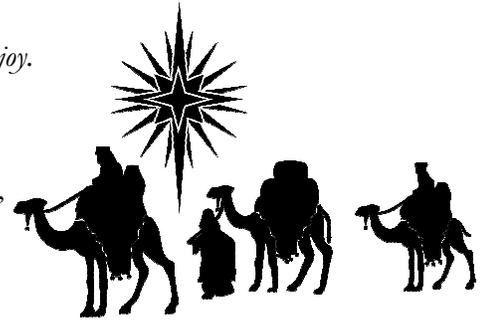
Happy Epiphany!

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Dear Friend:

As the night settled in Israel, and darkness closed in upon the Kingdom of Judah, Isaiah looked and saw afar off the dawning of a new day.

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples,
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Isaiah 60:1-3



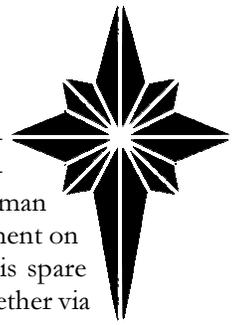
Before long the lights literally went out in Israel, but that was only a symptom of the spiritual darkness that was creeping over the world. Centuries went by, until one night a new star appeared in the sky. This new light was a sign of the beginning of a spiritual dawn. Soon eastern kings set off for Bethlehem to worship the new King, and this also was a sign of the beginning of an era – when kings from all nations would submit to the Lord. To those who still are uncertain about who Jesus is, He tells us, “I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” (Revelation 22:16) This Epiphany season may you be brightened by the glorious presence of the Morning Star in your heart. And may God make us lights in the darkness remaining in this world.

Epiphany means “appearance,” and as we celebrate the appearance of Jesus to the gentiles, this year we also celebrate the appearance of Isaac John Green, third child of **Peter** and **Megan**, born on December 29! As you can see, Elijah and Amelia adore their baby brother. Peter has been working on a special project at the water and wastewater treatment plants on the North Slope oilfield. Amelia is taking ballet lessons and Elijah is going to AWANA. But even more change is in the works. Peter accepted a call to begin an RUF ministry at West Virginia University! We are excited that they will be closer, but the rest of the year will be packed with ordination exams, fundraising, and moving from Alaska. (I couldn’t resist including this picture of kids with kids – below right.)



Another baby is on the way! **Daniel** and **Ginny** are expecting a baby girl in April! They celebrated their fifth anniversary in September. Despite Daniel’s torn ACL, he is still going on his annual snowboarding trip to Park City, UT this month. Ginny has taken leadership positions with the church’s MOPS group and women’s ministry, and just joined the Red Hat Society as a junior member.





Christopher arrived in Baku, Azerbaijan and has spent the past four months trying to gain appropriate authorizations to the myriad of financial and personnel systems of the State Department, designing the Embassy’s projected budget despite the lack of Congressional budget, and managing human resources for several hundred people. As either a mark of the volume of work he’s doing or a comment on his abilities, the State Department has decided to split this job in two after his tour is over! In his spare moments he is exploring the contrasts of a post-Soviet country after twenty years of oil wealth – whether via rural pomegranate festivals or neon skyline views from a 5-star hotel.



Class at Kyung Hee University

Stephen reports from Korea, “On October 1st I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, which signifies and solidifies the transition from a lower-enlisted Soldier to a Non-Commissioned Officer. The additional duties and responsibilities mean that I am busier than ever, but the bigger paycheck is definitely a nice plus.

From November 4th through December 7th I attended Kyung Hee University in Seoul where I studied Korean for five weeks. It was a nice change of pace and I had a great time making friends with all the international students. I popularized myself by taking them all to some of Seoul’s more exotic offerings like the Blind Alley Raccoon Cafe (a nice establishment where you enjoy your coffee while protecting your pockets from the pick-pocketing raccoon patrons). The Kyung Hee teaching staff just happened to be

in the middle of making a new textbook for which they needed international student models. Naturally they took one look at me and just had to have me in on the project. Sadly, the time was too short and I am now back at Camp Humphreys preparing to take my annual Defense Language Proficiency Test. However, I am also applying to a one-year study program at Yonsei University for military personnel. I hope to be selected for that program this year.”



Benjamin with friends on a hike

Benjamin has a girlfriend! He met this lovely young lady at French Creek Bible Camp. He is in the process of starting a robotics club at Grove City College. The Club Ultimate frisbee team is pursuing registering in the USA Ultimate league, which would cost some money, but allow them to do many more games and tournaments.



A tea party for Amelia’s third birthday

One of the highlights for **Ruth** and **me** this fall was our trip to Minneapolis and to Manhattan, Kansas – the “Little Apple” – to visit the RUF ministries there. RUF has hired a new Area Coordinator to cover the Midwest, so that was my last visit. We have enjoyed many Lehigh University football games, but had never been to a Division 1 game. We loved watching Kansas State defeat the Texas Longhorns. We also took a side trip to Lincoln, Nebraska, to visit former Bethlehem friends Hans and Hannah Agarwal and their new baby Cayden. But Ruth’s best recent memory is still her visit with Peter, Megan, Elijah, and Amelia in Alaska in August.

David Green

The Greens

David and Ruth, Daniel and Ginny, Peter and Megan, Christopher, Stephen, Benjamin

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