

CHRISTMAS 2016

the Kallestads



“God is good all the time...”

Christmas Greetings from our family,

How do we even begin to say thank you? It has been another amazing year!

In Sierra Leone you will see written on the front of random buses... “God is good all the time”
Wow! Can we look at our lives and say with quiet confidence,

“God, You are good all the time”?

Quiet confidence. I was sitting beside a lake recently and the wind calmed, the water became still. I was stunned by the magnificent reflection of the snow- covered hills in the water.

It reminded me that our lives most truly reflect God when we spend time being still before Him. Do you have a hard time being still before God? I do. Even though that time with Him is what my heart desires, I find myself tossed about by the wind and waves of life.

I know right now there is a lot of “life” happening ...

Our prayer is that we will all make the time this Christmas to be still. Be still and remember the Child, Emmanuel... God with us...
And be thankful.

If we think about how faithful God has been to grow us through the good, the bad and everything in between... then the bad stuff, the really hard times, become an opportunity to know Him better and that’s good!
God is good all the time!

If we can begin to enjoy being who we are in Christ right now, understanding where we’ve come from and knowing that He is not finished with us yet, then the winds in our lives begin to calm. If we can do that maybe someone will see a glimpse of His reflection in us and be drawn to Him.

God is good all the time and we have so much to be thankful for...



“ Rejoice always; pray without ceasing;
In everything give thanks
For this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This Christmas and throughout the coming New Year may our lives reflect the simple truth of God’s love to a world that desperately needs to know Him...

We thought you might enjoy a few pictures related to our November Update.



Precious time in Sierra Leone



Hearts for the harvest soon to be wed...

Conference Pastors and Leaders Olmue, Chile 2016



Doug and Kyle meet up somewhere in South America...

We wanted to end the year and this letter with a few things that are happening in December in Chile...

A family at the Orient church started working with autistic children and their families three years ago. They held their first graduation! Twenty-five kids graduated in three different levels! These are amazing children who have loving committed people working with them!



“Enyugados”, an evangelistic folkdance ministry of the church involving kids from the Oriente School and a baptism... new life in Christ!



Once again we want to thank you for being part of our lives. We are super excited! Everyone will be home for Christmas this year!!! All 17 of us!!!

May your Christmas be joyous and blessed! Doug and Shelly



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