



# Fellowship Findings

Sully Christian Reformed Church

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## Our Mission

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO DO

Cultivate space for people to experience the transforming love of Christ.

## Our Vision

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO BE

A family of believers experiencing personal transformation, *Romans 12* using their unique gifts, *Ephesians 4* to glorify GOD *I Corinthians 10:31* and edify others. *I Thessalonians 5:11*



## January Worship

January 5 AM— Pastor Darren Kornelis

PM— Pastor Darren Kornelis

January 12 AM— Pastor Darren Kornelis

PM— Pastor Darren Kornelis

January 19 AM— Pastor Darren Kornelis

PM— Pastor Darren Kornelis

January 26 AM— Pastor Darren Kornelis

PM— Mr. Nate Van Wyk

## Worship TIMES

Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m.

Evening Worship  
5:00 p.m.



## Dates of Interest:

January 13  
..... Bethel Mission Ministry  
.....412 Youth Group  
January 16 ..... Sew Day

**Bethel Mission Ministry, Monday, January 13, 7:00 pm,  
412 Youth Group.**

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# GREETERS

January 5	(N) Randy & Karen Altena
	(S) Bryce & Donna Arkema
January 12	(N) Bob & Marilyn Van Soelen
	(S) Harris & Darlene Vos
January 19	(N) Brent & Beth Vander Molen
	(S) Brent & Brenda Rolffs
January 26	(N) Doug & Brenda Vos
	(S) Kevin & Dawn Plowman
February 2	(N) Wes & Heather Zylstra
	(S) Roger & Caroll Jansen
February 9	(N) Doug & Elly Van Zee
	(S) Jaden & Kelly Vos
February 16	(N) Gary & Lynnette Christensen
	(S) Roger & Carolyn Zylstra
February 23	(N) Curt & Candice Vos
	(S) Verlan & Sally Van Wyk

NOTE: If you are unable to greet on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone for a different week. If you would like to have your name removed from the greeter list, please contact Steve Van Sant.

## **Thank You!**

We would like to thank our church family for prayers, cards, and words of sympathy in the passing of our brother Gilbert Van Maanen. They are appreciated.

Frank and Karen Van Soelen

We want to thank the congregation for the many ways you have supported us! You have helped us with prayer, finances, accreditation and help with the facility. We appreciate you so very much!

Thank you and God Bless!  
Joshua Christian Academy



Thank you so much for the gift from the Thanksgiving Offering! This is very timely as there are a lot of people in need here, especially at Christmas time! I'm thankful that I have the resources I need to be able to help others in small ways. There is a tradition here of giving out *canastas navideñas*, or Christmas baskets filled with food, cleaning supplies, and things to meet basic needs, to all the workers. So, I'm able to help put some of those together and share with workers of different organizations here. Thank you!

Amy Hogeveen

A very sincere THANK YOU to all who helped make our move into the parsonage possible. To the facilities committee, the building and grounds committee and all who helped with painting, cleaning, and moving, thank you! Once again we are humbled by the generosity and support of this community.

Pastor Darren and Emily

We would like to express our appreciation for the care and concern shown to us following my kidney transplant surgery. Thank you for the cards, gift cards, phone calls, texts, food and offers of help. Most of all thank you for your prayers, they are appreciated so very much! A special thank you to Pastor Darren for your visit and prayers. We are truly grateful to be a part of this congregation. Above all, we thank God for His healing mercies. The recovery has turned into a very long, slow process due to some setbacks, but we are seeing progress, for which we are thankful.

Thanks again  
Melvin and Wanda Lanser

# BUDGET REPORT



September Report			
Category	Amount	Year to Date Received	Year to Date Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$45,253.18	\$236,082.15	\$232,990.31
Missions	\$ 3,186.37	\$ 16,271.91	\$ 15,166.69
Building and Grounds	\$ 5,450.45	\$ 20,917.93	\$ 17,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,890.00</b>	<b>\$273,271.99</b>	<b>\$265,657.00</b>

Offerings Received		
Date	Recipient	Amount
December 1	Sully Christian School	\$1,904.80
December 8	Bible League	\$2,234.00
December 15	412 Youth Group	\$2,370.00
December 22	Mobility Worldwide	\$2,047. 00
December 25	Freedom House Ministry	\$2,847.00
December 29	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,294.00

## January Offering Schedule

- January 5      Sully Christian School
- January 12`    Reframe Ministries
- January 19    Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa
- January 26    Christian Education Encouragement Fund

Coffee Servers		Nursery	
January 5	Harlan & Norma Beerends	January 5	Linda Menninga
	Larry & Joan Pleima		Alicia Fynaardt & Avery Plowman
January 12	Carroll & Marla Fopma	January 12	Pam & Jud Vos
	Dale & Julie Van Wyk		Eli Vander Leest
January 19	Mike & Val Vander Molen	January 19	Linda Zylstra
	Loren VanderWilt & Paul Scott		Breckyn Lowry & Adri Vos
January 26	Dennis & Staci Schut	January 26	Heather Zylstra
	Glenn & Navonne Shultz		Katie & Gwen Zylstra
February 2	Howard & Marilyn Vd Griend	February 2	Norma & Harlan Beerends
	Kevin & Brenda Van Kooten		Trevor De Berg
February 9	Dwight & Glenda VanderLeest	February 9	Shawna Fopma
	Roger & Marlene Bruxvoort		Allie Pleima and Emma Plowman
February 16	Scott & Vicki Nikkel	February 16	Julie and Renae Van Wyk
	Ron De Nooy/Wes Van Wyk		Alexa Van Zante
February 23	Frank & Karen Van Soelen	February 23	Jacie Kramer
	Randy & Jodi De Vries		Conrad Kramer, Aaron VW
<p>Make juice on Saturday so that it has time to chill. Meet in the church basement before the service to set up. Instructions are in the kitchen. If unable to serve, please trade with someone.</p>		<p><b>If unable to serve in the nursery on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone on the list.</b></p>	

*We are so thankful for those who serve so willingly...*

*"I always thank my God for you..." — [I Corinthians 1:4](#)*



# Celebrating...



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- January 2 Betty Schuring  
Douglas Vos  
Seyla Vos
- January 5 Isaac Vos
- January 7 Alenna Jansen
- January 8 Charlene Van Maanen(85)  
Dena Van Wyk  
Anna Fopma
- January 9 Hudson Dunsbergen
- January 14 Jana Van Zante
- January 15 Brenda Rolffs
- January 18 Connor Dunsbergen  
Ryan Jansen
- January 20 Carla Fopma  
Brenda Van Kooten
- January 21 Lynda Slings  
Clarissa Laverman
- January 22 Kim Vos  
Breckyn Lowry
- January 23 Brenda Vos  
Raeann Van Zee
- January 24 Ryan Pastoor
- January 25 Ron Swank  
Wesley Laverman  
Loren Fopma
- January 27 Landon Van Zante
- January 28 Brent Vander Molen  
Rachel Nikkel
- January 30 Angela Veenstra

## And Anniversaries

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- January 2 Alex and Jentri Van Wyngarden (15)
- January 5 Scott and Diane Roose (35)
- January 9 Brennan and Shelby Veenstra
- January 17 Marty and Betty Vander Molen
- January 18 Gary and Lynnette Christensen (50)



# Celebrating...



## And Anniversaries

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1	Marilyn Jansen
February 2	Jared Laverman
February 3	Mary Arkema
February 7	Verlan Van Wyk
February 8	Craig Zylstra Stanley Fopma
February 9	Kody Jansen Alyza Van Wyngarden
February 12	Mike Van Soelen Natasha Thaden Tyler Van Soelen
February 13	Melvin Jansen Linda Zylstra
February 14	Daryl Menninga
February 15	Jennifer Lowry Jackson Plowman Emma Plowman
February 16	Roger Zylstra Lynn Wey Doug Van Zee Derek Van Soelen Trevor De Berg
February 17	Clarence Van Zee Pamela Vos
February 18	Jaron Vos
February 19	Brian Beyer
February 21	Marlene Bruxvoort Brenda De Nooy Blake Veenstra Ezekiel Vander Leest
February 23	Mary Fopma
February 24	Jordon Van Zante Jaden Vos Alexa Dunsbergen
February 25	Lynnette Christensen
February 27	Ed Van Kooten Denise Arkema
February 28	Frank Van Soelen

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 11	Roger & Marlene Bruxvoort
February 13	Ron & Nancy Swank (65)
February 18	Duane & Mary Arkema
February 20	Ron & Judy Beyer
February 21	Bob & Marilyn Van Soelen
February 25	Norm & Betty Schuring (65)





## ONE CENTER MANY PIECES Eastern + Southern Africa

building teams, equipping leadership, empowering families | Nov 2024



PHOTO: Daily school scene from 2024 - car pooling with kids-like-family with teachers Megan and Mosky leading the way. School has closed for the year and summer vacation is now underway. We are so grateful for the blessing school was to us personally and collectively this year!

### Agent M

It's Thanksgiving! Megan and Amira are currently together in Michigan as they set up home for Amira in Grand Rapids. Mike, Nico and Stella are nestled in Joburg. And our hearts are stretched over the miles with so much gratitude.

We celebrated an early Thanksgiving in Johannesburg on November 15. Anticipating it being Nico's last Thanksgiving with us in South Africa, we wanted to give him an opportunity to invite people who have been formative in his life to join us in giving thanks. Our time with friends-like-family prompted fresh awareness of just how kind and good God has been to us in 2024.

With friends from South Africa, Ireland, Congo and Japan, we shared around the table what God has done for us this year. One significant story of God's kindness came from Mosky. Often referred to as Agent M, Mosky has been



living with us for the past year. Megan has been mentoring her since 2018 as she journeys to become a dynamic, Christian educator. Mosky's life can take wild turns, but God keeps holding on to her.

The day we met Mosky in 2018 was scary. It was her first time taking taxis from Pretoria to our area in Johannesburg. The plan was that we would collect her from the taxi drop-off area around 2pm. But 2 in the afternoon came and went and she didn't call. Then 3, then 4. Finally at 5pm Mike called her phone and asked, "Mosky, where are you?" to which she answered, "I don't know." After hours in the taxi, she realized she had climbed into one that was trying to human-traffick her. Using her wit, she escaped the taxi when it pulled into a gas station but now had no idea where she was in the city. Her phone data ran out so couldn't even check GPS. After seeking directions from others around her, she found the proper taxi route toward our home and Mike picked her up. Mosky finally reached our home at 7pm! We thank God for preserving her life that day as many women had been picked up from that area of Pretoria and gone missing.

Fast forward to nearly a year ago - Mosky had paused her education studies and was doing amazing work in an inner city outreach to support vulnerable kids in their own life and education. While loving her work, the year was filled with stressors. She prayed, asking God to give her a "boring year" - and the next day lost her job due to corruption which siphoned most of the staff salaries for the year. Not having a job meant she was also losing her housing. She felt a bit panicked and questioned God's immediate response to her prayer. How can this be a providential answer?

Meanwhile, Megan had just arrived home in Joburg after ReConnect visits in Iowa and was doing her own praying, asking God to confirm her path in work for the year and how we should use the apartment connected to our house. Mosky and Megan were chatting back and forth about the unexpected turn and tough situation in her life. God prompted us to immediately invite Mosky to live with us. In Nigeria, we learned the phrase and experienced the belief over and over that "we have an on-time God."

During our early Thanksgiving celebration, it was reassuring to look back at how God has taken care of all of us throughout 2024. Mosky moving into the house has been such a taste of goodness for all of us. Our shared living has turned into shared work and so much shared joy. She has resumed her studies in education, found temporary work to carry her through the year and is now teaching alongside Megan, integrating God's sacred design for life with therapeutic photography. We could have never imagined the joyful life and meaningful work ahead of us when we were praying back in January.



# Strong, Godly Families – launching in Nigeria!

Megan and Sarah Aderemi, Resonate colleague in Nigeria, have been meeting virtually to give life to a program God planted in Megan's heart several years ago. The Family Strengths Photo Program weaves together content from the book [The Spiritually Vibrant Home, family strengths research](#), and God's plan for households to flourish. Families will create a family photo album by taking photos and writing about their strengths with the hope of celebrating and documenting the strengths God has given them, while also strengthening families. Megan hopes to pilot the program in South Africa in the new year. Sarah launched her pilot program in Lagos two weeks ago! Please be praying for the men and women who have just begun this journey. Our hearts are full of anticipation for how God will use this to strengthen families and make them beacons of light in their communities!



## Gratitude for YOU

For nearly two decades, God has used your love, care, prayers and generous support to breathe life into our ministry and lives. Your love helped us experience God's warm embrace when we felt left alone in the cold when our family was going through mental health challenges in 2018 and 2019. Your care affirmed God's call and invitation to transition ministry from Nigeria to South Africa. And now, God has made way to serve again in Nigeria (albeit from a distance) with the Family Strengths Photo Program! Your prayers helped us see God's hand upon our life when Mike took up regional leadership responsibilities and Megan stepped into the fitting position of Family Life Coordinator. And through your generous support, God helped us at least twice cross over \$20,000 gaps with new individuals joining our support team and churches committing even more. It is true, when we think of you, we give thanks to God for you!

## Thanks-giving

As you consider your Thanksgiving gift and end of the year giving, we invite you to prayerfully hold two goals of ours. Our first goal is to increase our monthly and annual supporters by at least 7-10 people. We would love to have you join our missionary support team! And lastly, our second goal is to cover a \$6,000 increase this fiscal year to our missionary support target. If you sense God gently guiding you to join us in our shared mission, you can thanks-give to our work [HERE](#). Just click the donate button on the right side.

Serving Christ with you,  
Mike and Megan



the first 9 weeks of the Idea Lab with teacher interns with more than a Teacher program. We have lots of planning and adapting to do! Pray that God will guide us as we get the new curriculums in place for 2025.

- **ESA Team:** Mike walked with his team over the last couple of months to reduce costs. For sustainable ministry in Resonate, we need to address a revenue shortfall of missionary support which was 7% below target last year. Praise God for the wisdom and patience on our team to make sacrifices and ask God to grow what is most important.
- **Nigeria Family Strengths Program:** God provided a fruitful launch as fathers and mothers both expressed interest to build Godly and strong families. Please pray that God would also give Megan a bountiful start in Joburg.
- **VISAs:** God provided in incredible ways for Megan to submit an appeal for her denied visa before she traveled to GR. Mike is still waiting on a response to his visa application. Please pray that God gives us favor to obtain our visas.
- **A job for Amira:** We are SO thankful God made a way for us to buy a house in Grand Rapids to give Amira a place to call home and settle. Please pray that God helps her find a job and brings uplifting, Christian community into her life.
- **Good Health:** Nico's diagnosis of temporal lobe epilepsy is now being questioned - and he continues to have gagging episodes. Please pray that God helps us find answers. We would love answers for what he needs before he goes to university in Aug.

#### **VISUAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Nico and Mike walking out of his last day of high school!



While the leaves are busy dazzling with reds and yellows and oranges in the northern hemisphere, we in the southern hemisphere are being dazzled with purple!



#### **FOLLOWING JESUS :**

We continue to worship at Following Jesus. It's a small church that is building beautiful initiatives to "do church differently" together. Megan (and sometimes the kids) love the time they get with the children in children's church. We have been using the Dwell Flex curriculum and it's been a big blessing to our children's church teaching team.



Our church recently gathered to plant a community garden so we could bless our neighbors who are in need.



Thanksgiving!



When the children learned we bought a house in Grand Rapids, they were so eager to pray over the house - asking God to fill it with his love and presence. I should have recorded those prayers - they were so tender and earnest and ended with "in the mighty name of Jesus!" I noticed during the prayer that the children had put their hands over the photo of the house on my phone. It was such a beautiful moment.



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**Save the Date for Quilt Day:**

***January 16, 2025, 9:00 AM.***



We are ready to start the new year with a quilt date. We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Finding another way...

“How are you going to meet people?” That is the question for the missionary/church planter. That is the question that we discerned as we wandered toward church planting back in 2010. What is the way? In the spring of 2011, we detoured back to the garden, to planting seeds, and to eating soup on Wednesdays with our neighbors. A little patchwork of gardens was formed, and a little community began to grow.



In October of 2018, The Table was perilously low on funding. **DETOUR**. So, we sat with our board, and we wrote to you, our supporters, asking for your generosity to help The Table continue and even more, in 2019 we founded The Table Public House as a new home for our work.

In March of 2024, The Table faced the reality that it would not continue unless The Table Public House could be purchased. **DETOUR**. With the urgent need to raise \$2 million dollars, what is the way? We could not see a way forward, and we closed The Table Public House on June 30, 2024. **DETOUR**.

Yet, in the summer of 2024 gardens were still being planted. Volunteers were gathering, meeting neighbors, learning new ways to say “hello”, planting together, sharing personal stories and praying for each other. We launched a new garden plot at a local police station property. We found a new way for the neighbors, the school kids, their parents, and the police to meet one another in the garden. We encountered people looking for hope, community and nourishment - finding it in unexpected ways in the garden.

The Table Community Church continued to gather every Sunday, in other locations, welcoming new faces, and wondering about another way to continue the work of The Table. The sense that we were becoming homeless, once again, as a community was painful, but an accepted part of the journey.



And then, this summer in the midst of the **DETOUR** God found another way...a way for the vision of community, nourishment, and grace to continue in the very place it was planted. A vision and a place we thought was dead was brought back to life. And this small resurrection, this gift of new life, continues to nourish the dream and vision God has given us - to continue to invite people into the presence of Jesus - in the garden, the coffee shop, the church, and

wherever we find people in the neighborhood.



The Table has always been in the business of finding creative ways to meet people: in the garden, in the neighborhood, and in the marketplace, including at the Table Public House. Some summer evenings it looks like standing in the middle of a garden, melon juice dripping down chins and arms, and everyone agrees that melon wouldn't taste as good if we were eating it alone. Some Sunday nights it looks like The Feast, the Table's dinner church gathering at the Table Public House in a public space shared with kids playing, friends meeting and fans watching football. Regularly we're encountering those who wander over, "So, what goes on in here at 5 p.m.?", they ask.

As we consider the **DETOUR** we have been on, how God has led us to this place, and where He is granting vision for the future, we once again invite you to be a part of bringing the future to life. ***Our hope and growing vision is that our work here in Denver can serve as a training ground, an incubator for others who may want to dip their toes into creative ministry in the fabric of daily life; for those who may sense a calling to a more marketplace focused ministry.*** Your support for the ministry of the Table will enable us to develop this vision for our work for the multiplication of Kingdom ministry and leaders.



We are abundantly grateful for many of you have given sacrificially to the work of the Table, especially in this year. And we also recognize that the work of the Table continues to depend on the extreme generosity of you and many others. So, we once again humbly ask and invite you to continue growing the kingdom of God here in Denver in any of the following ways:

By mail:  
The Table  
PO Box 103370  
Denver, CO 80250

Online:  
[www.denvertable.org/donate](http://www.denvertable.org/donate)

Thank you for your steadfast support and encouragement. We are blessed beyond imagination to have a community of support like you.

With deep thanks and humility,  
Craig & Jeanine



# Table Talk

Official Newsletter of The Table

## Farm Update

Even as we navigated the choppy waters of the Public House's future this year, we continued to support our core activity of growing food in community gardens around Denver and distributing produce to the community. The Table exists to extend "tangible grace" to the community, and while The Public House is one place where that happens, we believe that growing food and giving it away is a pure expression of our values.



This year, we farmed four large plots, including a new plot at the Denver Police Department's District 4 station, just west of The Public House. The Farm also supported several "Farmettes," where neighbors farmed smaller plots and donated produce to The Table. See the next page for more highlights from The Farm!



### **"What's another term for roller coaster?"**

That's an inquiry I plugged into ChatGPT as I wrote this newsletter... a few of the terms our new AI assistants (and hopefully that's what they'll remain) suggested were "bumpy ride," "stormy stretch," and "emotional whirlwind." Each of these colorful phrases could describe aspects of the journey our organization has been on in 2024, but as we approach the end of the year and look forward to the future, our overwhelming feeling is one of gratitude.

The Table has always been an organization carried forward and given life by a community of like-minded supporters, and that has never been truer than over this past year. We began 2024 with an audacious goal to purchase the building that's home to The Table Public House, the unique outpost off the Platte River in South Denver, Colorado that has been our physical home for the last five years. When negotiations with the building's owner reached an impasse and we fell short of our fundraising goal, we made the painful decision to close The Public House in June.

Only a couple of months later, after an outpouring of financial support and a renewed interest in negotiating by the building's owners, we reopened The Public House and finalized the purchase of the building. This was only possible because The Table community came together: supporters' generous donations and investments by mission-minded partners helped us achieve a goal that seemed all but impossible just a few months ago.

To those of you who walked with us through tears and joy this year: **Thank You.**



## By the Numbers

We know our work can't be fully expressed in numbers, but we're proud to share some highlights from this year!

- **4,345** pounds of food harvested from The Table gardens and given away to volunteers and the community
- **119** volunteers who worked at garden plots
- **10** "Farmette" plots farmed
- **\$1.2 million** raised through donations and investments toward the \$1.7 million purchase price of the Table Public House building
- **100+** customers through the doors of the Table Public House each day on average, including over **20 civic, community-based, and common interest groups** that regularly meet in our space



## "Bread For Your Journey"



Although the year contained a roller coaster ride for our organization and ministry, at least one thing remained consistent: our weekly rhythm of gathering for worship. The Feast, as we refer to it, creates space for our worshiping body to experience and share community, nourishment and grace. After the Table Public House closed in June, we found ourselves wandering and wondering about the next chapter of our faith community. As it has been in the past, the Feast became a moveable feast as we met in homes and back yards during the months of July and August. We had the feeling of pilgrims on a journey, and when we returned to the Public House upon its reopening in early September, we felt as though we had come back home.



Of course, every journey requires sustenance, and we always eat well at the Feast. We value worship where everyone brings something to share, including food. And each Feast gathering culminates with the celebration of the Feast of the Table, perhaps more commonly known as the Lord's Supper. As the elements of that particular feast are passed from one to another, we encourage each communicant to share them while saying the words, "The body of Christ, broken for you." However, sometimes some other familiar communion phrases are spoken. One of my (Craig's) favorites is, "Bread for your journey." As we nosh on those broken pieces of bread, it's a reminder and an encouragement that no matter where the journey has taken us and no matter where it may lead, Christ has provided and will provide what we need.

As we look into the journey ahead, the blessing we speak over one another at the conclusion of worship each week seems fitting:

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you.  
 May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.  
 May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.  
 May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.



This year I (Joel) will celebrate my seventy-second Christmas, Lord willing.

Jeannie and I are looking forward to spending our Christmas vacation at our home in Texas.

We are anxious to see our Texas children and grandchildren again. But my broken foot means we probably cannot travel beyond Texas!

Every year I appreciate something fresh about the Christmas story. This year I am hearing the Christmas story as an invitation to imagine, dream, and serve.

In many ways this might not seem like a time to imagine and dream – much less to commit oneself to serving God’s audacious purpose to redeem and restore what sin has damaged.

I do not need to tell you that our world is in turmoil. I write this only days after the South Korean president declared martial law in the middle of the night and then just as abruptly withdrew his order. (South Korea made world headlines!)

And certainly, both Jeannie and I are aware that we will have increasing limitations as we grow older. The cast on my foot doesn’t let me forget that! You could cite examples in your own life! One could argue that this is not a time to dream, imagine, much less serve what at times might seem to be God’s impossible dream.

*But yet ....*

There is something I noted this year. The passages we read in the Christmas season seem to place side by side God’s faithfulness to his past covenant promises and his often surprising, unexpected ways of fulfilling those same promises. You might even conclude that God specializes in fulfilling promises when the future appears to be the darkest. And not only that. God seems to use the most unlikely people to fulfill his promises.



Some of our first and second graders presenting the Christmas story for chapel



Take the prophesy in Micah 5: 2-5a. Micah prophesied during a time in which Israel and Judah were being threatened by the powerful armies of Assyria. One would not naturally think of this as a time to dream and imagine. Yet in Micah's God-breathed imagination he sees a Savior. But this Savior will not come from Jerusalem. He will not come from the expected places. Like David he will come from the out of the way town of Bethlehem. Like David he will be a shepherd who truly cares and provides for his flock.

I am learning again that nothing in Jeannie and my ministry is about us. Nor is it about the skill of our staff and teachers at Grace and Little Lambs. It is not even about the dedication of our parents.

It is about God. It is about God's faithfulness and grace. It is about the surprising ways God acts. It is about the unexpected people God uses to bring his Kingdom into our world of turmoil and confusion.

But here is the paradox of the Christmas story. The fact that it is all about God does not make us passive. Rather it is just the opposite. God's grace frees us to imagine and dream. God's grace liberates us to participate in God's purposes in our neighborhoods and around the world.

We wish all of you a joyful Christmas as you dream, Imagine and serve in the astounding freedom of God's grace and faithfulness. Merry Christmas!

## Praise and Prayer

### **Praise:**

- For the progress in the healing of Joel's broken foot. He has been cleared to fly to the U.S. and should be able to advance to partial weight-bearing before Christmas.

For the stories we are hearing from parents who have applied to enroll their children in Grace in 2025

### **Prayer**

- Continue to pray that we would meet our goal of 9 new students in our Grace elementary school and 6 more students in our Little Lambs kinder for 2025.

Our experience has been that about 1/3 of our annual giving comes at the end of the year. This year we ask that in particular you remember our special project to raise funds for a school van. Our goal is \$14,400. Remember that if you wish to designate your gift for the van you should use a different fund code than the one you use for our general support. The fund code for the van is 806373. The fund code for our regular missionary support is:804233. There are more specific instructions as to ways you can give below.

## How can you help?

**Most importantly, you can support us in prayer.** This is a major move for us into a culture that is quite different from that of Nicaragua. Pray that we would be gracious learners of culture and language. Pray for our own discipleship as we learn from Korean Christians. Pray for the community of teachers, students, and parents of Grace International School as they live out a gospel of grace in a culture of achievement and performance.

**You can stay informed.** We will be sending out regular prayer letters to keep you informed and to invite your partnership in prayer. (You are on our prayer letter list from our previous time working on the field. )

**You can support us financially.** This work is not possible without a mission-minded community. If you wish to partner with us in ministry, you can send your donation to Resonate Global Mission one of two ways:

1. You give towards our regular missionary support by sending your gift by mail to either of the addresses below. Clearly designate your gift for our Resonate fund code: 804233

**If you are giving to the special project to raise funds for the school van, please use this fund code instead: 806373**

**United States**

1700 28th Street SE  
Grand Rapids, MI  
49508-1407

2. Or you can give online to our **missionary support** at <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/give-us>. Choose "Missionaries-Asia" and then "Huysen, Joel and Jeannie."

**You can also give online to the special project to raise funds for the school van** at <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/give-us>. Choose "Project Asia" and then "Grace Global Christian School."

**Thank you for partnering with us on mission!**




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*I would like to express heartfelt gratitude for the meals and prayers for me and my family. Recovering from surgery has been easier with help of our church family. I am so thankful that God once again provided for us through a trial and we were able to celebrate our Savior's birth with joy and gratitude.*

*Your Sister in Christ,  
Heather Hastings*

The image shows a light blue rectangular box with a dark blue border. On the left side, there is a graphic of a white card with the words "THANKS FROM THE HEART" written in blue, hand-drawn capital letters. The card is slightly tilted and has a pink heart shape behind it. To the right of the card, there is a handwritten-style message in black cursive script. Below the message, the name "Heather Hastings" is written in a similar cursive script, preceded by "Your Sister in Christ,".

# GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE US

Use the words in the clouds to complete the sentences.

cross

sin

clean

God

earth

Adam

holy

rule

everyone

- ..... created man (people) - Genesis 2:7
- God gave Adam one ..... - Genesis 2:16-17
- ..... sinned by disobeying God's rule - Genesis 3:6
- Since Adam, ..... on earth has sinned - Rom. 3:23
- God is ..... (sinless and perfect) - Isaiah 5:16
- God sent Jesus to ..... to live here as a man - Luke 2:11
- Jesus let people nail Him to a ..... - Luke 23:33
- Jesus took our ..... on Him and died for us - Isa 53:5-6
- When we ask Jesus to forgive us, he makes our hearts .....  
Isaiah 1:18

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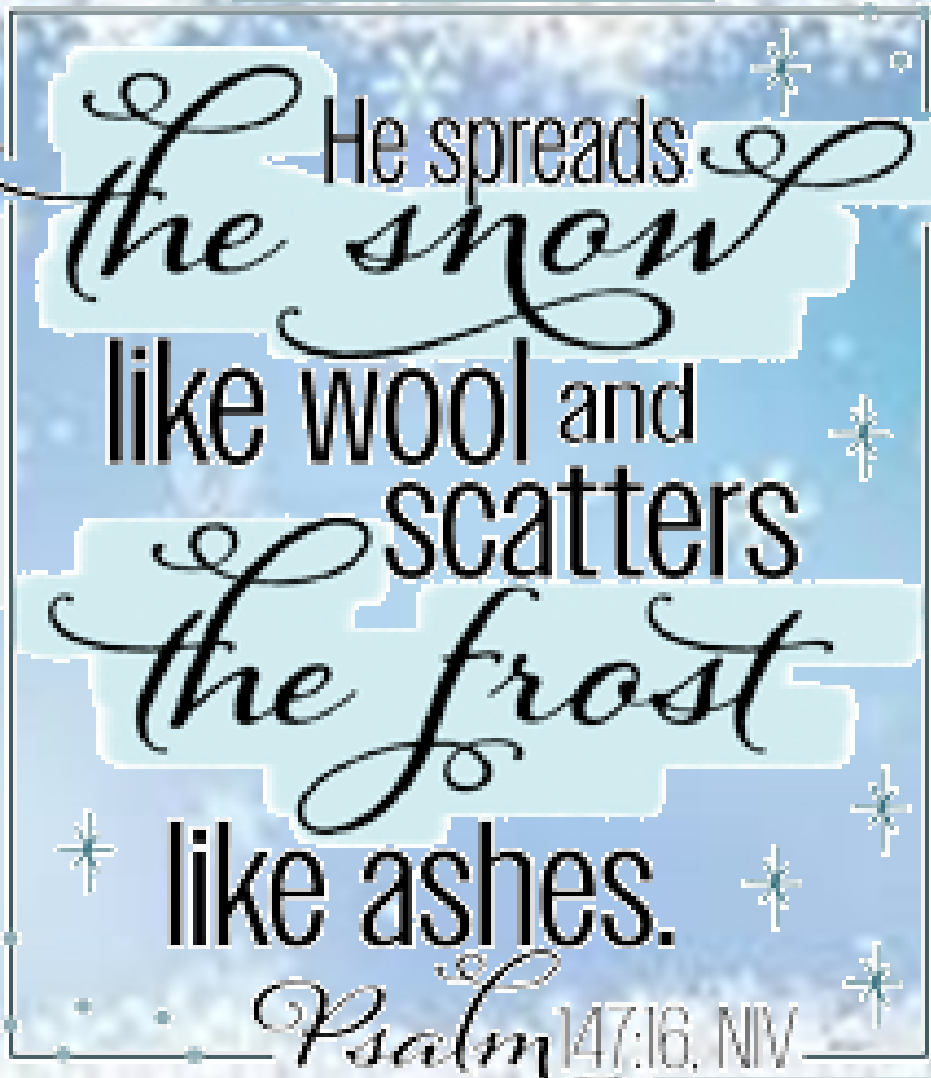
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O Lord, let my  
*New Year's resolution*  
be to   
**follow you**  
**more closely**  
and to  
**trust in your**  
*loving guidance.*



He spreads  
*the snow*  
like wool and  
scatters  
*the frost*  
like ashes.  
*Psalm 147:16, NIV*