

Dear Friends,

Thank you for standing with us this year - for your faithful prayers and giving. We are certainly thankful for each and every one of YOU!

We also thank our God for:

- **The opportunity to attend the OMF candidate course last month.** Thanks for praying for us and with us. The course was helpful to learn more about OMF culture and values as an organization. OMF has many strengths and we respect their long-term commitment to reaching the unreached in East Asia. Our next steps are not entirely clear yet and we are still seeking the Lord for direction but we do know a little more and hope for even more clarity (hopefully early in 2021!) about our future in ministry.
- **Completing another year of seminary** Jesse is will finish Greek 3 on December 11 and have a four-week break from class over Christmas and New Years'. Only three more courses to go, with an expected graduation date in August 2021.
- **Connecting with students despite the pandemic** The Lord has graciously enabled us to continue discipling and caring for students from CMU and Pitt, though most are not living in Pittsburgh this year.
- **Healthy family and time together.** Doing ministry and seminary online has afforded us the opportunity to spend more time together this fall. We are so grateful for healthy kids that are growing physically and learning about the beauty and worthiness of our Lord.

Though 2020 has been a strange year, filled with challenges and change we trust in the Lord! As Habakkuk poignantly says:

*¹⁷Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,¹⁸**yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.**¹⁹God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.
(Habakkuk 3:17–19, ESV)*

May the Lord bless you with a thankful heart and joy in Christ Jesus this Thanksgiving! We look forward to sharing more in our upcoming year-end ministry update. **Please send us your updated address if you have had a change of address in the past year!!!**

God's Peace,
Jesse & Emily + Elijah + Lucy + Isaiah

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