

# Merry Christmas



And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

## Year-end Ministry Recap

There are a few lines from our Christmas program where a puppet character travels back in time to visit the manger. He hears crying, baby Jesus and tries to comfort Him.

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*Shh, it's ok. You don't need to cry...I guess there's a lot to cry about though. People hate each other. They hate God. They go their own way. They've even turned Christmas into something selfish...so have I. I'm sorry. But you came to fix that, didn't you. You came so people wouldn't have to be separated from God anymore! You're the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!*

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That section of the script always makes me pause and think. I want to make sure that I'm celebrating Christmas for the true reason; Jesus coming to bring the gift of salvation! It's so easy to get distracted by all the other fun, happy things surrounding the holiday season, which aren't bad, but they don't bring the hope and joy that Jesus brings. I pray that you will have a hope and joy-filled Christmas this year, as we thank Him for His merciful gift!

Thank you for your faithful partnership through either prayer or financial gifts. You are beneficial in the work that is done through GHH. You may not think it's a huge deal, but without you, I couldn't devote my time to traveling and sharing the good news of the gospel with boys and girls and their families. I couldn't spend time at the GHH office helping create new stages and puppets that our team uses in the programs, or record the podcast and videos, along with all the other little odds and ends that help complete the goal and glorify God! Rejoice with us for the lives that were changed this year!

Since my last newsletter back in the spring, I realized that there had been a miscalculation in my support numbers. I was actually at 77%! Praise the Lord! But just this past month, one of my supporters passed away and after recalculating the numbers, I'm back to about 70%, which is what I thought it was back in March. I am so thankful for his generosity and pray for his family during their time of grief. Of course, God knew all of this before I did and He has always provided for my needs in the past and I know He will continue to do so in the future. One way He helped me this fall is by giving me the opportunity to have a seasonal, part-time job working at Brookside Farms (the blueberry farm and apple orchard where I live). The owners, who have been long-time friends with GHH staff, worked with my ministry schedule and they were happy for my help since they lost a lot of their summer staff when school started again. It was so fun to work in the little farm store and bakery. They are closed for the year now, but said I could work again next fall too.

I'll be traveling to Chicago to visit family for Christmas through New Year's Day. I'm sure it will be filled with laughs, games, playing with nieces and nephews and lots of love! I hope you are able to enjoy some lovely family time as well! I'm excited about all the new opportunities that the Lord has in store for us in 2023. Our schedule is already full through next October!

*Joyfully Serving,*  
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