



# HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

*warmest greetings from the Czapalas!*





## WHAT A YEAR!

I was trying to reflect on Christmas and what this past year has been. It was so easy to think of the countries we didn't get to visit, the local community outreach events that were canceled, the exhaustion that comes with not knowing what tomorrow will bring, day in and day out. And while we still have so few answers about what the next year will bring, where we will live, and what we will be doing, there is an underlying hope with all of the uncertainty. I began to think about the year before the first Christmas. Mary had no plans of having a baby. Joseph had no plans of traveling to Bethlehem. The wise men had no plans of following a star. The shepherds never thought they would be visited by angels and sent to a strange manger. But God planned on bringing hope into the world that night. Whatever the next day or the next year will bring, we have hope. Not in our circumstances, our wisdom, or our color-coded Google calendars, but in our God. And that will be enough.

So, we thank you for your love, encouragement, financial support, your check-ins, care packages, and your constant prayer this past year. We truly have never felt more sustained. We pray that during this Christmastime, you find hope in Christ for whatever next year will bring. And if the borders are opened, then all of you are invited to Australia!! Merry Christmas and love to you all.

*Until All Have Heard,*

**- DAVID & KATIE**

