

January 2015

Happy New Year or Hepi Niu Yia

The events of 2014 are forever gone and the events of 2015 are yet to come. We look at it this way, we like to count our blessings in 2014 and expect God to pour out more blessings in 2015. God is a big God and why not expect God to do even more?

As 2014 came to a close we like to look to scripture for guidance into the New Year. Tyler has been reading Proverbs and found this, 'Start with God - the first step in learning is bowing down to God' Proverbs 1:7 (MSG). What a novel way to begin a new year than starting with God. As we enter the New Year we want to start with God and bow to the King.

The highlight of December was of course Christmas. Emily crafted a Christmas Eve dinner for 12 followed by the annual White Elephant gift exchange. This year Emily got sunglasses and Tyler got a grab bag of items including a water gun to sparklers. It was a fun gathering which was set by reading the Christmas story from Luke 2. Christmas Day we enjoyed an overcast day while friends came over to play games and munch on treats. Lest we forget, we undoubtedly enjoyed Skyping our families for Christmas greetings from afar.

Pacific Rim

East Africa

North Africa

West Africa

South Asia

South East Asia

North Eurasia

The final weeks of December were slower than normal which allowed us to achieve some of those end year to-do's. Emily closed the office for the final week of the year which allowed some of us in the branch to take the opportunity for a painting project. The break room and kitchen area was painted and reorganized. Tyler also pushed to finish the flooring project at the Alamanda house. Early in the month he and Jim finished painting the two bedrooms then Tyler varnished the floor over Christmas. We now can officially say it is finished.

As we enter the New Year, teammates that left for the holidays will be returning as well as some returning from furlough. In a short few weeks our branch will be convening for its annual general meeting. This is the one week our team is together in one place to discuss plans, business, and elect leaders. Emily's first term of Director of Support Services (DSS) is near completion and she has been recommended by the branch to be elected again. Please pray with us for this meeting.

As Tyler enters the New Year he will be officially leaving the role he took on with maintenance and returning full time to Information Technology (IT). He looks forward to tackling those goals he set out in 2013 and 2014 that were put on hold due to the high demand of maintenance of properties and branch vehicles. One great accomplishment from last month has been the switch to a new Internet provider. The branch is no longer using satellite services but is now connected to fiber optic directly linked to Guam and Sydney.

Please continue to join with us in prayer. Pray that we will humbly seek discernment for our team meeting, Jan. 19-23. Pray for Tyler as he settles back into the office and gets caught up on the to do list in the IT department. Pray for Emily as she seeks to hire a new employee this month and prepares for our team meeting. Pray for our mental, physical and spiritual health.

Together in Christ,

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