

# Christmas Letter Dec. 2018



## Celebrating God's Gift!

John 3:16 says it best!

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

2018 has seen growth and changes in our family.

**Lynn and Bob** have gone through some changes. Bob, Matt and Josh were all working for the same company in Calgary but in August, all 3 lost their jobs. Thankfully, God placed them all in new jobs. They had their 4 grandchildren (our greatgrandchildren) **Emma, Orrin, James and Sam** from Nashville here and in Idaho for 5 weeks in the summer. We got to share in a week with them at the lake in Idaho. Their oldest son **Matthew and Ashley** had their first child, **Everett Matthew** in September so we are all enjoying having a new little one in our lives. **Josh** is working in Ft. McMurray area and is developing his Web Design company on the side.



**Mark and Linda:** Mark continues his work for Partitions Systems as their engineer. Linda has her hair business and keeps busy with her crafts and Christmas Shoe Boxes (this year she did 36!) **Julia**, also a mechanical engineer, bought a home in Sherwood Park last October and Mark and Linda have spent countless hours helping her renovate it into a beautiful home! **Steven** also a mechanical engineer working on his Master's degree. **Steven got engaged to Kaybrie** in July and they will be married next week, December 22! That will be our Middleton Christmas get together 😊.

**Joan and Earl** were about to leave on a cruise last January when Joan had another heart incident and was unable to go. She is fine now and they are both busy with their jobs, church and friends. **Reggie** completed his 4<sup>th</sup> year Electrician degree and got engaged this November. **Reggie and Johanna** have set June 22<sup>nd</sup> as their wedding date. **Robert** is a surveyor and is working in Ft. St. John until April. Raymond is in NAIT taking his first year in Carpentry. **Raymond is also engaged to Kendra** and they plan to be married July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Our lives keep busy still helping **Zizina** and her family. We are still quite involved taking the kids to appointments, helping fill out forms and taking the kids to church and youth. December 4<sup>th</sup> it was 4 years since they arrived here. We helped them apply for Citizenship and Zizina writes her test for that on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Pray that she does well. Her oldest **Enoch** graduated in June and is working now.



We also attended the grad of **Amanda and Moses'** daughter **Mosetta** (our other adopted African family). She is now in college in N. Dakota on an athletic scholarship.



In August we bought an older truck and 5<sup>th</sup> wheel camper and got to test it out one snowy weekend in mid-September. Looking forward to camping with family in summer 2019!

October 24 to November 8 Mary and I did a mission trip to Bangkok, Thailand and several places in India. It was great to see several of our DCI staff – some we have not seen for a long time. We made some very potential contacts that should help expand our ministry in the coming years.

Wishing you and yours, joy and peace this Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2019!

Love

*Al & Mary*