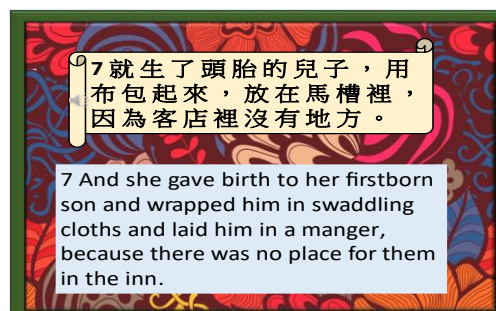
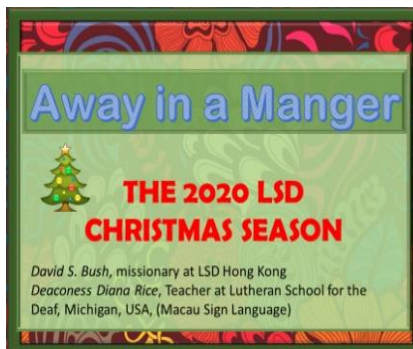




Happy New Year!
"God bless 2021"



Away in a manger

Many of us sang this hymn growing up. It was usually part of a Christmas program with the Sunday School children. Many places did not have such events in their churches this year, due to the virus. But the new year is here. And this hymn provides for us a daily prayer, "Be near me Lord Jesus...and bring us to heaven to live with YOU there."

I understand better now the word "away". Barbara and I are "away" in Hong Kong. We have much better accommodations than Jesus did.

Heaven was "away", but Jesus brought it closer at His birth. He may seem "away" now, but He is truly near us, hence His name Emmanuel. Though we say He slept on the hay, He knows and sees our days with His loving eyes and caring heart.

The photos are some slides from a Christmas PowerPoint made to share with students online as they could not attend school. Prayerfully, face to face classes begin on January 10, 2021. +++

Prayer Requests, Praises, and Thanks

THANK YOU, LORD...

For Lutheran School for the Deaf in Hong Kong and for Concordia School of Special Education in Macau.

LORD, hear our prayer. Thank you...

1. For helping those who suffered illness and loss because of the pandemic.
2. For the teaching of the Gospel to the children in our schools.
3. For the students who come forward to be baptized.
4. For the health of the children and staff in our schools.

Amen.



David and Barbara starting year 2021 in Hong Kong. Pictured in front of our apartment at LSD. To God be the glory. +++



The little LORD JESUS asleep on the hay.
小小的主耶穌，睡在乾草上。

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