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## *Rejoice in Hope*

"BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL (WHICH MEANS, GOD WITH US)." MATTHEW 1:23

To our family and friends, Merry Christmas!

As we bid farewell to 2023, our hearts are filled with joy and thankfulness as we reflect on the abundant blessings the Lord has graciously gifted us throughout the year. Despite the challenges we faced this year, we rejoice in hope as we walk alongside our partners in the Gospel to share the love of Christ with many.

Life and ministry held our focus, keeping us busy. Shara has seamlessly transitioned into her role as the regional shared ministries manager, embracing its diverse responsibilities. Throughout the year, she collaborated with colleagues to host short-term teams and volunteers. Shara finds great fulfillment in cultivating and nurturing relationships, considering it an essential aspect of missionary work. In August, she connected with church leaders from Mozambique and Zambia during a trip to Malawi. The Africa team welcomed three new missionary families to the region. In early December, Shara, accompanied by Rev. Shauen Trump, journeyed to Madagascar to meet with church leaders and explore the ministries of Fiangonana Lotera Malagasy - the Lutheran Church in Madagascar (FLM). It marked a splendid end to the year. Michael's business continues to thrive, blessed with new growth opportunities. Additionally, he provided technical support to students in the online Masters program.

As we celebrate Christmas and anticipate the approaching new year, let us thank God for the precious gift of His son. Amidst life's challenges, may we find comfort in the constant presence of Jesus, who extends His peace and joy to us. Michael and I deeply value the partnership in the Gospel we share with you, appreciating your love, support, and prayers as we serve the Lord in Africa. With excitement, we look forward to the continued journey we share in 2024.

Wishing you all God's blessings for a **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

*With love... Michael and Shara*



Photos from 2023...

