

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Merry Christmas from the Stalaker family! There is quite a buzz around this time. We made it back from our travels just in time to participate in the different Christmas activities going on at our home church such as caroling, a cantata, and Christmas parties. My mind and energy has been directed toward preparations for our departure. I have certainly had this in mind in regards to Christmas. We did not want to buy decorations for a Christmas tree so we decided to make them. It was enjoyable, but extremely time consuming. So much so that we decided to have a very small tree. ☺ Each year my children draw names amongst themselves.

Guidance was given in regards to their gift buying that they purchase only those things that they can take with them, which narrows down the selection. We have also scheduled to spend a lot of time in making memories with our immediate family and even some distant family. I thought it interesting concerning my focus on our soon move. My thoughts are similar to how we should consistently think about our move to Heaven. Oftentimes we sing “Joy to the World” at Christmas time and overlook the basic truth of this song... the coming of our King. This last year has affected my thinking greatly as I have worked to make every step in preparation for our move. Likewise, we Christians are just passing through. We need to be mindful to invest in those things we can take with us, and remember that our life here on earth should be a life building relationships and memories. May we this Christmas Season not only rejoice that the Saviour came, but remember that the King will return. From our entire family we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year! Thank you for being a part of our life and for all your support.

Marty, Jo, and the bunch

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.