

Dear Friends at Beloit Christian Church,

2015 has been a year of great blessings in the midst of some challenging times. God has shown His faithfulness over and over this past year. Rich continues dealing with "The Leg", but is gaining mobility and strength in it. The cane is used less and less, although with the current ice it is helpful.

In the jail ministry Sara sees a broad spectrum...genuine heart conversions and transformations, as well as disappointing setbacks. It's amazing when the Holy Spirit breaks through to touch a heart and we can rejoice along with the angels. It's hard to see girls go back to the drugs and other addictions that destroy their lives and their family's lives. We wonder sometimes if a conversion was genuine, and it's painfully clear that each woman desperately needs a supportive body of believers to surround her and help her to press through the huge adjustments and healing needed. Prayer definitely plays a huge part, and we don't share the requests enough or spend the time that is really necessary. Ultimately, God is the Judge, and He sees the heart needs of each woman and the battles within.

In December our Good News Club team sponsored a Christmas Across America party (Child Evangelism Fellowship) in the local community room. About 25 kids came, and a few were newcomers. Our goal is to share the Gospel with unchurched children, get them integrated into a church, and disciple them weekly. We'll have a handful of new children come to club as a result and are grateful for the wonderful help and teamwork of the families involved. The college age kids and highschoolers were a huge help to us.

Matthew is now the proud holder of a Nebraska teaching certificate. He graduated in December from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a Spanish education major. This week he's been visiting schools in nearby communities to apply to substitute teach.

All our kids were home for Christmas, as you'll see in the picture. Our house was a lively place, and the grandkids really enjoyed spending the night with each other, playing in the snow, and having fun in the basement. We got to celebrate Ruth's birthday together and enjoyed the Christmas Eve service and celebrating Christ's birth

We were able to record a couple more days after Christmas and were blessed to have the help of one of our young men at church who has a recording studio in his home. We are getting close to finishing our project of uploading the hymns which the main Christian music publisher gave us permission to use.

We got to see a Christmas and New Year's miracle as God provided the funds we needed to pay salaries and bills and Grand Island Christian School where Rich serves as principal. They were at a critical point, scraping the bottom of the barrel, and we cried out to God to provide. He abundantly did, and we're praising God! They had a great Christmas program, very original and lively, with all the children singing about the birth of Christ and His gift of salvation to all who trust in His name. We are thankful for a music teacher who knows the hearts of children and truly wants to lift up our Lord. We keep praying for more students, and are thankful for the good teachers that we're blessed with. Pray that more people will be aware of GICS and what they have to offer to help children and parents walk with God in these challenging days.

Sara's parents continue to face daily health challenges. We got to enjoy a good visit with them in Oklahoma after Christmas. Family means so much to them and to us. Mother Estelle just had carpal tunnel surgery, and we're praying for relief for the pain she's been experiencing in her hands. Her dad has regained his strength and is using the walker instead of the wheelchair again.

We're learning about Social Security, Medicare, and all that good stuff as we hit the midpoint of the sixties. God has blessed us and our children abundantly in so many ways. We wonder what the next year holds, and we pray we will walk closer to the Lord and devote ourselves to Him more fully this year. If it was our choice, we would bypass the pain and difficulties of life, but at the same time He has taught us to trust Him and not falter because He is truly a good God and has a purpose for whatever we encounter.

Your friends,

Rich and Sara



Musgrave family Christmas 2015

Left side: Nathan & Sandy and daughters Anna and Gracie with international student, Grace
Right side: Luke & Melinda with their four: Abby, Benjamin, Timothy, Nathaniel
Back Center: Eric & Ruth (without little David, who preceded all of us to glory), Matthew
Behind Sara & Rich: Tim & Juany and their three: Daniel, Richie, and Katelyn on Grandma's lap