

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

from the Muutuki family in Kenya!

December 2018



Christmas is a time of great joy as we celebrate and look back over last 12 months. Elfi and I rejoice as beneficiaries of God's love, "For God so loved the world that he gave "us" his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). He has given us that life and not only that but has also called us to serve him. In this we greatly rejoice!

Some of the highlights we share with you confirm why we so much are rejoicing.

The year began with Prakash, our Indian pastor and his wife joining our team in February. He did not get work permit but he agreed to study theology next year and work with us on a student pass. We rejoice in this new development. We are now strategizing our outreach to South Asians in our city of Nairobi.

One interesting experience was when I was doing my routine morning walks at a popular track field. I overheard two Indian women discussing about Jesus. Later after they were done, I stopped to enquire whether they are followers of Jesus. The one I overheard talk about Jesus said to me emphatically NO. My friend is Catholic and she has doubts on an issue which I was encouraging her to trust Jesus even when, "I'm not his follower because I hear Jesus can help people." I gave them my number and I invited them to Church. They have not come and it may take awhile. Recently Elfi came with me and even though we did not see the lady from far she saw us and greeted us , Good morning! May Jesus give us some more time for follow up.

In May we had the opportunity to travel to South India to give away our unofficially adopted Indian girl who found a fine young man from South India. We are grateful to God's financial provision through a supporting family for us to travel. We had a big part to play in this wedding and it was a success as we saw Anishma get married and I (Joe) had the opportunity to speak to over 400 Indians who attended the wedding.



Our Church was privileged to receive 14 new members this year in November. This was the largest group we have ever received. Please rejoice with us.



One of our elders hosted a thanksgiving and prayer for his successful operation and I (Joe) had the opportunity to share the Gospel with those invited. The best outreach times for us are these informal meetings in people's homes. Please keep praying for more opportunities like that.

Our men's **koroga** was well attended by men from backgrounds. We had fun with each other and another one is scheduled for early next year 2019. I have been able to give a CD of the Jesus Film to two men. One of them hugged me and thanked me saying, he has always wanted to hear something about Jesus. I still have to meet him to find out what he now thinks about the movie.

The Ladies Fellowship had a well-attended Christmas Party at one of our church member's home. More than 30 women, of which quite a few were neighbors and friends of Hindu and Mslm background, heard the good news of Jesus. We pray that God will speak to their hearts.



This year is coming to an end and we are so excited that our pastor Shawn and family will be joining after 6 months furlough on States side. We pray that God will give us many more opportunities in 2019.

Elfi and I wish you Merry Christmas and a blessed 2019.

*Grace and peace to you.*

Joseph and Elfi Muutuki

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