

# Christmas Blessings



Thank you for being a blessing to us this past year! It was difficult as we grieve the loss of Lynda's father. Holidays are a wonderful family time and we miss him. Thank you for your prayers and notes of encouragement to our family this year.



In spite of the hard times, God is faithful and his timing was perfect for the start of the kindergarten. It was a blessing to be home last winter because now our time is fully occupied with the kindergarten and we must utilize every available moment.

This month at the kingdom garden we taught many meaningful lessons on Christmas, the birth of Jesus and the love of God. The children's performance was based on the book "Santa, are you for real?" by Harold Myra. The performance told about the real Santa Claus, Saint Nicholas, who loved and served God. The pictures here are from the performance.



We had two opportunities this month to be a blessing to others who are less fortunate. A doctor at a Christian clinic in Kunming asked if we could help facilitate the arrival and care of Ah Na Hua at a Chengdu hospital. Ah Na Hua is a lovely 21 year old Lisu minority girl who needed a hole in her heart repaired. Her father and cousin came with her as she had the surgery. It was a success! One of the groups Martyn mentors also helped and a foreign fellowship gave money to cover additional expenses. We had to get blood donated before the surgery. Martyn was the right blood type so he was able to give.

The other young woman is a Tibetan gal who lived with her nomadic family, but when she was 17 she was attacked by a man in her tent and ended up pregnant. A family in the city met her, convinced her to keep the baby, took her into their home and helped her through the process of birth and caring for the baby who is now a year old. They were looking for an opportunity for her to find work and we needed to hire a cook and cleaning person for the kindy, so we hope this will be the perfect match to meet her needs and ours. Please lift up Children as she begins this new job as a single mother that she will have courage and strength to learn how to become independent.

We hope that all of you are surrounded by friends and family during this season and remember and rejoice in the birth of Jesus. His life shows us how to live for others. Thanks for giving from your life into ours!

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*Martyn & Lynda*

