



African Outreach Ministries

Merry Christmas from the South,

You might have noticed that we haven't sent out a newsletter in the past few months. Our family returned to the U.S. in July for just under six months to help our oldest, Gabriel, adjust to his first semester at Harding University. Considering the fact that he moved to Africa when he was six, there have been a lot of things to adjust to as a third culture kid. Someone recently asked us if he was interested in doing a semester abroad through his college. Well, the truth is that for him this is a semester abroad!



Our latest family photo

While in the States, we were hoping to have a time of sabbatical rest after twelve years on the field. Well. . .that didn't happen. What did happen was homeschooling two kids, helping a third get settled into college, writing a book, visiting supporters, friends, and saying good-bye to two of our board members, Clint and Jim Bridges, who both passed away this fall.

Now with New Years around the corner, we're actually extremely



excited to get back to our own beds and routine and not have to live out of a suitcase anymore!

In spite of the fact we're going home tired, we are grateful for the chance to see family (it had been three and a half years since two of our kids saw their grandparents!) visit with friends, and express our thanks to churches and individuals who have supported us so faithfully. We are also thrilled that Gabriel loves school and has now finished his first semester.

We've also been thrilled to hear how the Christians are continuing the work while we've been gone. We can't wait to jump back into the ministry and learn more about how God has moved while we've been in the US.



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We have a lot of things to look forward to this next year that we will share with you in the coming months, including a Community of Hope that will minister to those difficult living situations.

Our prayer for each of you is during this often too hectic time of year is that you will find the true Reason for the Season in Him.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. . .and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Merry Christmas,

Scott and Lisa Harris

PS If you or someone you know gets an Ereader or Ipad for Christmas, be sure to take advantage of the free download of Lisa's award winning [Dangerous Passage](#), book one in her Southern Crimes series!

