



God with us ... bringing Christ to the world



“Of the increase ... there will be no end.”

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

This Christmas season we are so grateful that Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor, our Mighty God, our Everlasting Father, and our Prince of Peace—and that His kingdom is increasing and will never end. What Jesus accomplished in becoming a man and dying on the cross and rising from the dead is all for the increase of His rule and reign. All that He accomplishes in and through local churches and missionaries is for the increase!

As we align ourselves with His mission in this world, what a privilege it is to see the increase of His reign as new churches are planted, as the nations in our nation embrace the gospel, and as networks of ethnic churches unite together to reach their city.

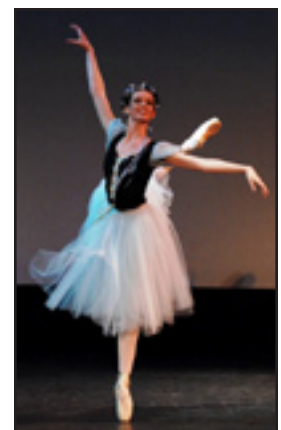
Thanks for partnering with us! This Christmas, pray with us for *“the increase of his government and peace”* on the earth! May His kingdom be established and His mission accomplished.

For the Increase,

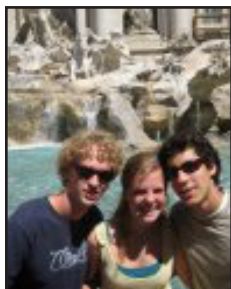
The DeVries

Celebrate with us what God has done in our lives and family this year ...

Maddie loves dancing and passed her Advanced I ballet exam with distinction. She is preparing for the Advanced II exam next spring. She participated in two ballet competitions: the Young American Grand Prix in February and the Music Center’s Spotlight Awards in November. Her big highlight was “with my best friend Hannah to participate in R.A.D. summer intensive at Cal State Long Beach and live in the dorm.” She enjoyed four trips to Hume Lake (her favorite place on earth), getting her driver’s permit, and dying her hair brown. She is looking forward to dancing the role of the Flower Queen in the Santa Clarita Ballet’s production of *The Nutcracker* this month.



Maddie dancing at YAGP competition in February.



Doug, Katelyn, and Neil at the Trevi Fountain in Rome.

Doug took the trip of a lifetime to Europe this summer with the Claremont Young Musicians Orchestra (CYMO) and loved getting to see all the amazing places. “Prague was gorgeous!” Then he and two friends took a road trip to South Dakota, where they participated in the YMF National Youth Orchestra Camp. We all enjoyed their performance at the base of Mount Rushmore. Doug also loved summer camp at Hume Lake

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Doug performing with CYMO in the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria.

as it really helped to connect him with friends at our new church. He recently submitted a video recording on flute for the NFAA youngARTS scholarship program. "It was really fun to see how all my hard work turned into something I'm really proud of." He's looking forward to live auditions for several conservatories and graduating from high school in June.

Deanne is grateful for the two homes that God provided this year, enjoying making each one "home" for our family. Our summer experience in OC's Internship program at Bear Trap Ranch in Colorado was a highlight for her. It helped her feel better connected to the OC family, our teammates

(David and Tara Malouf), and our future. She also enjoyed hiking to the top of Pikes Peak and seeing our kids have great summer opportunities. Next year she anticipates one more move, and she's "beginning to look forward to finding the place God wants us to live for the next season of our life and creating a place of retreat for our family." She also eagerly anticipates new opportunities for ministry as God opens doors.

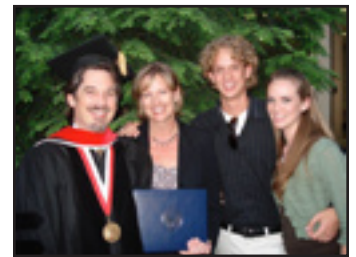


Enjoying OC Internship 2007 at Bear Trap Ranch in Colorado.



Dave, Deanne, and Bill Keyes (Deanne's dad) after climbing Pikes Peak.

Dave can't believe all that has happened this year. He loved spending two weeks in India in February, which expanded his understanding of the global urban context. The highlight of his decade (so far) was completing his doctoral dissertation and graduating from Bakke Graduate



Dr. Dave with family at graduation from BGU in June.

University of Ministry in Seattle in June! His studies provided a framework for him to "help churches and leaders to embody the mission of Jesus wherever they are." He "comes alive" as he's able to assess, coach, and train church planters to start new churches. He's looking ahead to being finished with raising monthly support and being full members of the U.S. team.



Dave and Deanne in San Francisco.

Celebrating our 20th anniversary (*left*) was another highlight of our year! With all the challenges in our transition to serve as OC missionaries, we're grateful to be in this together.

Our family can't wait to celebrate a Christmas reunion in New York with Deanne's extended family!

We have been so blessed by your partnership. May you have a blessed Christmas season!