

December 16, 2008

Hello Family and Friends,

Christmas is just a week or so away and friends have been dropping by to visit us and the children. It is an especially happy time of year as we remember the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and give gifts and greetings in His honor.

The surfing group, Jedediah, escorted by Mexican Medical was our guests this past weekend. They decorated more than 100 cookies with the children and helped the kids put up the Christmas tree, make handmade ornaments and decorate as part of their Christmas party. There was music and the laughter of happy kids, frosting on all their faces and joy in all of our hearts. Christmas at Gabriel House, how joyous!

To see the joy and wonder on the faces of our children when the tree lit up, the rapt attention to the Christmas story and to know that the birth of the Babe in Bethlehem 2000 years ago is the source of it all.

It brings us humbly to our knees in praise of Him when we realize that we too have had the privilege of finding more than one of our babes in a manger as well. A few of our children were rescued from animal stalls. We cannot think of a more fulfilling and more contented life than the one we live with our 38 munchkins.

***For to you is born today, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this is a sign to you. You will find the babe wrapped, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:11-14***

We pray that your Christmas brings you much Joy.

A Holy, Merry Christmas to all of you from  
Ted, Renie, Annie, Ale' and the 36 munchkins of Gabriel House  
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