



CAPTIVATING

Thoughts

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Prayers

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that in your great mercy and compassion you allowed your dear Son to become incarnate and through him redeemed us from sin and eternal death. Enlighten our hearts by your Holy Spirit that we may always be thankful for such grace and be comforted in all trouble and temptation, and at last, obtain eternal salvation; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, by your incarnation you united things earthly and heavenly. Fill us with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill, that we may join the heavenly host in singing praises to your glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Team Updates

As the holiday season approaches, we are thinking of you and looking forward to our next opportunity to gather. Until then, here are a few team updates.

Marcia – We welcome your prayers for our sister Marcia who was hospitalized last month because of COVID. Notes of encouragement can be sent to the C2C address, and we will get them to her.

Kristi – Graduating with her Masters this month. Congratulations!

Leslie – Enjoying learning Capoeira (Portuguese pronunciation: [kapu'e(j)re] or [ka'pwejre]) a Brazilian martial art, combat sport and self-defense system that combines elements of dance, acrobatics, and music.

Chandra – The mission trip to Brazil was so good because it was SO GOD! There were amazing opportunities to teach, preach, and minister at several worship services and area churches. A personal tour of the local women's prison by the State Director of Prisons that included extended time to swap programming and reentry initiative efforts, as well as an invitation to tour the men's unit when we return. Conversations have begun about a trip next Spring.

Lori – Traveling, book signing, and writing her next book!

Barry – Traveling, ministering. and excited to be back meeting with the men at the Beto Unit.



Coach is pictured with the students of NACEMT and Cindy (the other redhead) on a suspension bridge in Florianopolis, Brazil.



Photo taken in front of a mural painted in the women's prison. Pictured L to R: Milo, Prosecutor and author of a faith-based curriculum for prison ministry; my translator and a ministry student; Coach; Marta, the Director of Prisons; two prison officers.



NACEMT students (15-25 years old) preparing their hearts and praying for the speaker(s) 30 minutes before each service.

