

Hello friends,

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

I just arrived in the States this past Monday, and have enjoyed being with my parents these past couple of days. I will spend Christmas with them and 2 of my sisters, and then go to Tennessee for New Years with my other sister. I'm very thankful to have this time with them, and in much warmer weather! Ulan-Ude got a very cold snap right after I left!

Actually, I would ask for prayer for the city of Ulan-Ude, as just yesterday, during the coldest part of the winter, there was a major disaster caused by a fire at one of the two largest heating plants in the city of Ulan-Ude, which resulted in the shutdown of several furnaces that heat many of the homes in the city. This affects literally hundreds of thousands of people. Thankfully the other heating plant is working and the systems are connected in a way that the one plant can give heat to the whole city. However, it doesn't have the capacity to give full heating, and hot water in the homes has been shut off. At a minimum this is going to be very uncomfortable for a lot of people, but there is the potential for much worse, so please pray for the city of Ulan-Ude.

Towards the end of January I will head to Michigan to reconnect with my organization SEND, and then after that will go to NY. I will be based in NY for the majority of the months of February, March & April as I travel and connect with friends, supporters and churches in that area. I'm very thankful that God has already provided a place to live (even more than one!) and a vehicle to use!

I really look forward to connecting with many of you while I'm back. There are lots of things to report and share, and I really want to hear from you as well how God is working in and through you. It's exciting and encouraging to hear what God is doing all over the world and in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you'd like to get together, feel free to contact me by email or on facebook. I will also have a new phone number, and will send that to you soon.

With that, I'd ask you to pray for me. I'm finding this home service to be the hardest one to prepare for. Please pray for good times of rest and that I will take time to connect with God.

Thank you all for your support and prayers! I hope you have a wonderful time as you celebrate Christmas, remembering the HOPE we have because Jesus became one of us, with the mission to die so that we can have abundant LIFE with God. This is truly the most wonderful time of the year!

Merry Christmas!

Love in Christ,  
Janette (Nettie)

