

Dear Kids & all,

MERRY CHRISTMAS! It's looking like a real winter wonderland here in Western New York. We send our wishes to all of you for a joy-filled Christmas and a blessed New Year. We don't know all that the future holds but we know Who holds our future.

We've been blessed with a beautiful missionary home here in Newfane, NY during these first 6 months (Jul-Dec) of 'home assignment'. Last night we arrived back from a 2 week road trip to find a mouse nest in our comfy king-size bed! The smart mouse was only trying to stay warm! (He was not in his nest, thank goodness). Yes, I know, missionaries are supposed to be brave & and I tried my best. But bed time was delayed 1 hour while I washed the sheets in hot water. By the time I finally got snuggled in, I was so exhausted I never even dreamt about mice.

It's been a busy time as we traveled through 25 states, speaking in supporting churches, visiting Wycliffe ministry partners throughout the USA, and grabbing any extra time we could to see our kids in Alaska, Nebraska & Grand Rapids.

In between our travels I've been scheduling dental & skin doctor appointments, planning road trips, & hosting meals. Jonathan does a great job of pulling together all the details in our speaking itinerary, keeping up with reports, typing in names of new 'regular prayer' supporters and raking a few fall leaves/shoveling snow for exercise. He's been connecting with many family members & friends.

These months here in WNY have flown by. A few days after Christmas we plan to relocate to Lititz, PA. In between packing we'll spend Christmas day with friends from Jonathan's home church. God kept us healthy & protected us over the many miles.

*Some family news: Justin & Kelsie continue to remodel the house, and in the meantime are renting a parsonage. We had a great time visiting Nebraska on our way home last week & hugging those 4 little grandkids.*

*Sarah & Brady are mourning the loss of their pet dog. Ketch was chasing a moose across the road. The moose got across but poor Ketch was hit by a truck. They now have a new pet dog (He's a 10-month-old pup, part Huskie and German Shepherd and Great Pyrenees, and has these ginormous paws which are padded with extra fur. He is definitely made for Alaska!). Their 3 little girls are enjoying the 4 short hours of day light & lots of snow.*

*Jonita & Icey spent 2 months in Nebraska helping Justin & Kelsie at the Danish Bakery & remodeling the new house. They are now weaving their way down to Florida with their RV home to spend time with Icey's brother, JJ & are hoping to find work there.*

May the true meaning of Christmas light your holidays with Joy!

Love,

Kathy & Jonathan Wilson



Those crafty Nebraska Wilsons made these Christmas houses.



This team of Gingerbread house constructors are being super meticulous, great job guys!



Ok, ours kind of flopped & then fell, but we had a great time trying with this Ginger bread house.



Wow, all the perks, yay for the Christmas cookie sugar!



Our 3 day Christmas visit to see Justin & Kelsie and kids (Tadgh, Sojourn, Mannie, Millie). Thanks guys, you showed us a real aood time. & aot us into the Christmas spirit!