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*"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Rom 12:10,12 NIV*

### ***Outreach Out-takes***

- ◇ *Worked diligently and submitted final reports on the PEPFAR grant for Zambia Police Service HIV/AIDS work to the US Embassy. We had some positive and some negative results. It's a blessing to have them all done.*
- ◇ *Taught at a HIV/AIDS nutrition day at Kamfinsa police training college. Made several new friends, shared a meal together, and even danced to their local band.*
- ◇ *Tried assisting a man in getting started on the HIV drugs. In the end, his fear of stigma ruled and he refused. We pray for a changed heart and mind in him.*
- ◇ *Said good-bye to Aaron, our volunteer of six months. He made an impact on many Nephew's lives and will be dearly missed by everyone...including us.*
- ◇ *Visited our nephew in prison. Convicts are only allowed visitors on Sundays, so we go each Sunday and take him a hot meal to enjoy while we chat. We just learned that due to good behavior, he can be released early on March 26<sup>th</sup> instead of in July!*
- ◇ *Continued the weekly English lessons, outreaches, Bible studies, and football trainings. One outreach was spent making special Christmas cards for their guardians.*

**2011** is almost over amazingly! December in Zambia is when most people take vacation time and activities wind down...so it's the perfect time to rest and reflect on the past year.

We must be honest. 2011 was the hardest year we've ever had as a family. It saw us on an emergency medical flight to S. Africa, taking on five PEPFAR grants, being apart while traveling the country for the grant work, Kye almost dying from malaria and typhoid, the death of my father, Kye moving back to America permanently, having to leave the country for elections and a medical concern, and the emotional stress that went with it all.

Yet, through it all, God's grace and mercies were extremely evident. We grew in our marriage, parenting, and most importantly, in our relationship with Christ. In no other year has the gift of Christ been more cherished than this one for us. We would never want to live this year over again. Yet, we wouldn't ask the Lord to erase it either, because along with the testing, struggles, and pain came greater faith. The promise from Romans 8:28 has been in the forefront of our minds, *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."* All things, good, bad, easy, hard, light,

# Merry Christmas



and heavy...all work toward an ultimate goal in each of our lives – to become more Christ-like and preparing us for an eternity with Him. That would not be possible if Jesus had not been born.

We realize that 2011 was a year of struggle for many, many people. May you be encouraged! There is no promise that 2012 will be better or easier...but when we know the Lord, He does promise to be with us through it and to work every detail in life out for our good! May you and your family have a very blessed Christmas – celebrating the ultimate gift in life – Jesus Christ Himself. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



Aaron with several of the Nephews at his last outreach



Nephews Evans and Bright making “stained glass” Christmas cards & learning to use scissors

### ***Thanksgivings & Supplications***

- ✠ We have been grateful for God’s provision each month through 2011 to keep His ministry going. We pray that the Lord will bless all those who have given sacrificially to bless the lives of so many people in Zambia this past year.
- ✠ We praise God for all the wonderful family and friends who have assisted Kye in adapting back into American culture...you are truly a blessing! Thank you! We pray for our family as we’re apart for our first Christmas ever.

### ***Hoover Family Tid-bits***

- Kye got his first job! He’s now working at McDonald’s. He also got his driver’s licence which is a blessing since his Grandmother cannot drive for the next several months due to a foot injury.
- We are adapting to the new “normal” of having only 3 people in the house now. Time to cut the recipe’s in half!

### ***Opportunities***

#### **Pray**

Are you a prayer warrior? We invite your supplications on our behalf. Contact us at [hoover.wd@juno.com](mailto:hoover.wd@juno.com) if you’d like to be placed on our prayer partner e-mail list.

Grateful for His Unending Grace,

#### **Visit**

Come visit us! Join a team of visitors that is coming in 2012 to work along side of us. If interested, contact Greg Yoder at [gyoder@cwomissions.org](mailto:gyoder@cwomissions.org)

#### **Support**

We would also be grateful for your financial support. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to: CWO, P.O. Box 2716, Centennial, CO 80161 (memo: Zambia) OR given at [www.cwomissions.org](http://www.cwomissions.org)

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