

As the Christmas season approaches, I am filled with nostalgia as I reflect on my early days and the sheer excitement and joy of Christmas mornings. I can still remember the anticipation that built as I eagerly awaited the moment to unwrap the gifts nestled under the twinkling tree. Those cherished memories of receiving gifts filled me with wonder and delight.

As I grew older, I began to experience the profound joy that comes from giving. My parents gave me \$20 to spend on the two of them. They let me go into the store by myself and purchase the gifts. Usually, it was cheap cologne or perfume. The thrill of seeing a loved one's eyes light up, knowing that the gift you carefully selected brought them happiness, became the highlight of my Christmas celebrations. This shift from receiving to giving embodies the true spirit of Christmas—a season that reflects the ultimate gift we have been given in Jesus Christ.

Jesus, the best gift of all, came to us as a baby in a manger, bringing hope, and love, and offering redemption to a lost world. His birth is the greatest expression of God's love and generosity toward us, a gift that surpasses all others. It is in this spirit of giving and gratitude that I write to you today.

On behalf of all of us at EMU International, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your faithful and generous support throughout the year. Your monthly gifts have been instrumental in enabling us to support eighteen cross-cultural missionary families serving in ten different countries and the 10-40 Window. Your partnership in this mission has allowed us to spread the good news of great joy for all people, touching countless lives with the message of hope through Jesus Christ.

Jeff assisted Trinity Baptist Church in Muncie, IN for six Sundays





As we celebrate the Christmas season, I humbly ask you to consider extending your generosity with an additional financial gift. Your extra support this Christmas will help us continue to provide vital resources, training, and encouragement to our missionaries, empowering them to share the hope of Christ in diverse and challenging environments. Please pray about what God would have you give in the coming year. Several of our missionary families need to raise additional support. Also, would you consider sponsoring a camper for Uruguay? \$100 will provide a week of camp in January or February for someone who would not be able to attend otherwise. More information can be found on our giving page on our website.

https://emuinternational.org/give-now/

Your generosity, much like the gifts of those Christmas mornings past, brings immeasurable joy and blessing to others. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to this ministry. May your Christmas be filled with the wonder and peace that comes from knowing Jesus, the greatest gift of all.

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