

## Missionary Update ... Kristen Friesen in South East Asia

I enjoyed my five weeks at home in June and July. I was also able to change my visa with no trouble. Praise the Lord!

I now begin a new phase of working in an official consultant position for a company to train staff and start education classes. The classes will be focused on women's health, mostly relating to pregnancy care; before, during and after.

These last weeks have been busy helping a new mom and dad have their first baby and having a few consultations with two other new moms. This is my passion and I am enjoying that the Father has allowed me to do this work.

This being said, working in the healthcare field here is so very, very different than at home and that makes for some difficult times. Definitely, in these times I am growing and learning, but mentally it also takes its toll!

Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

### Prayer Requests:

1. For continued language learning full time.
2. Wisdom for planning steps to open a maternity health center of her own (in the future) and need for staff to train.
3. For encouragement and strength from the Lord during trying times.

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### The ABC's of Becoming a Christian

**A** — **Admit** to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

**B** — **Believe** that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.

"While we were sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

**C** — **Confess** your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

"If you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

**Prayer:** Dear God, I am sorry for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me. I ask Jesus to come into my life to be my Savior and Lord. Thank you for loving me and saving me from my sins. In Jesus name, Amen.



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**Welcome to Worship!** — We're so glad you have joined us this morning. If you are a guest today, please fill out a Covenant Connect card and place it in the offering. **Children's Church** is for 3-7 year olds; 8 yrs old and older need to stay with their parents. Parents, drop off your children prior to joining the service. (10:30am service)



**Being Neighborly** — To be a good neighbor to the families who live around the church, please be careful to avoid parking on the south side of 17th Street and park in the parking lots as much as possible.

**Offering Envelopes** — The 2020 offering envelopes are in your mailbox! Please note — you may have a new envelope number. If you have a question or need envelopes, please contact Terri Anderson.

**Pastor Search Committee** — Continue to pray for the committee, our future pastor, and God's perfect timing.

**Sunday School** — There will be no children's Sunday school classes December 22 and 29.

### Community Opportunities...

**Psalm FM Newsletter Mailing** — Thursday, December 19 at 7am.

**Community Christmas Dinner** — There will be a free dinner on December 25 from 1-4pm at the Elks, 215 3rd Street. Please call 240.5125 to schedule a meal or volunteer.

**Community Café** — *Thursday*, December 26 at 5pm.

## Mighty God

Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:22-23

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace ... Isaiah 9:6

### 1. Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. John 1:3

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Genesis 1:2

Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. Genesis 1:26 (NLT)

...for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see — such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. Colossians 1:16 (NLT)

### What does that mean for us?

#### • To be created BY JESUS gives my life \_\_\_\_\_.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:13-14

#### • To be created FOR JESUS gives my life \_\_\_\_\_.

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Eph 2:10 (NLT)

### 2. Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_.

And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

'that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' ..he said to the paralytic, 'Get up, take your mat and go home.'

Matthew 9:6

Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. Luke 19:9-10

Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin. John 8:11

Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again". "How can a man be born when he is old? Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" John 3:3-4

Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

### 3. Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_.

The Word (Son of God) became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. John 1:14 (Message)

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' -- which means, 'God with us.' Matthew 1:22-23

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:14-15