

January 1, 2011

Happy New Year from the McCrackens in Greece! We hope that 2011 will find you experiencing more of God's active presence in your life, and every good and perfect gift from our Father for you.

In Athens, we are entering the new year with (the cheap) gas at \$8.28 USD/gallon, a new increase in all utilities, a month of different appointments for Ellie (metabolic specialist, orthopedic specialist, assessment for registering for special school, dentist, pediatrician, and usual physical and occupational therapies 4x/week), Cody and Kyle off to Tanzania for 10 days (Jan. 3-13th), mild winter weather, and expectations that God is not yet finished with us as we seek to reach the nations through Athens.

This was the first Christmas in 21 years that Kendra was not able to be with us, but fortunately Steve's parents and siblings were all able to join them in Scotland for a cold white Christmas. Josh Conwell, one of the young men from the Greek Bible College has been staying with us over Christmas break, and we thank him for the attached photo he took.

Thank you SO VERY MUCH for the important investments you have made in our life and ministry, whether through prayer, financial gifts, and/or the treasure of friendship. We are so thankful to God FOR YOU!

Grateful,

Scott and Vicki

P.S. January 11 kicks off "Human Trafficking Awareness Month". Did you know that of the 27 million slaves in the world today, about 17,500 more people per year are trafficked into the U.S. from abroad? Slavery is alive and well. Let's wake up, people! We are not talking about smuggling illegal immigrants; we are talking about humans OWNING, SELLING, AND ABUSING other humans for financial profit. Most of the victims are women and young girls (about 85%).



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