

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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*It is now that time of year again in which we celebrate the Christmas season. A time for family, giving, bright lights, candles, Christmas trees and baking all those wonderful Christmas goodies that bring all those wonderful Christmas smells. It is also during this time that we need to pause to remember the true meaning of Christmas, that of which is Jesus' birth and who He is. So, every time we see the nativity scene we need to remember the star; the symbol of God's divinity, the swaddling cloths baby Jesus was wrapped in; the symbol of God's humanity and the three gifts; the symbol of God being our King and Savior. This is also a good time to reflect on the past year and thank God for what He has done for us.*

*This year Bob had another job change. Instead of teaching this year he found a job working for U.S. Banks at their call center for the ATM machines. His job is to make calls to make sure that the ATM machines get working again. This isn't very challenging so he is constantly looking at ways to get a different job within the company. Bob is planning on going back to school in May. Since this isn't very stimulating he is finding another way, via web design, to fulfill his stimulation needs. He has been doing some web designing on the side and this year he has gained three more jobs.*

*I am still working at Chrestomathy but have received a promotion. I am now a Program Support Assistant (PSA) and no longer work in one specific room with clients. My job consists of having to know all of the enclaves (clients who are able to have jobs off sight but need a job coach), working in any room at any time when needed (usually when there are behaviors), and paper work. I really like my job because you get attached to the clients really fast. I also don't like it because of the behaviors (they can be scary many times). I have never had a job that I have liked as much as I have disliked. I am also starting to give a couple of flute lessons on the side to people from our church and am enjoying that a lot. Like Bob, I too am trying to get back to school. I would like to get my masters in Special Education so I can work in the schools again.*

*My parents are still working their same jobs and living at the same place but are now grandparents for the first time twice in three months. Kyndra Shey Wonnemberg and Seth Michael Aipperspach were both welcomed into this world with open arms and are loved very much. My brother was also called to serve over in Iraq as a medic. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dan, Amy, and Kyndra Shey every day.*

*Bob's parents sold their house in Apple Valley, MN and built a townhome in Lakeville, MN. They have been back and forth between here and their cabin home trying to get everything in order. Bob's brother and his girlfriend found and bought some land and have been building everything themselves and are now moved into their new place. His sister, Megan, has graduated from cosmetology school and now has a full time job. This concludes our letter this year and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

*Love,*

*Bob and Kim Bergstrom*