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Not just a Merry Christmas...

As I was reading through an email update from a ministry we subscribe to, I was struck by their closing. Instead of wishing us a "Merry" Christmas, they wished for us a "meaningful" Christmas. As much as I love saying Merry Christmas, it's also bothered me to say it. We know for many people Christmas isn't merry, it's sad. It's lonely. It's depressing. We're thankful for our relationship with our Lord Jesus and know through HIM we can still have joy through all seasons. Seasons of our kids growing up and moving out, seasons of our parents aging and passing, seasons of being alone. God--Emmanuel--is with us through it all.

We're thankful the Lord has given us several opportunities to make Christmas more meaningful to others in the last few weeks. Mark had a case just this past week which involved children going through a hard season. While they were waiting for their interviews, Mark played hide the elf with them to make them more comfortable and the time more enjoyable. On their way home he asked

back home even if it's just for a little while. She's enjoying volunteering at her church and getting to know people.

Mark and I will celebrate 35 years of marriage on the 30th. It doesn't seem possible for time to have flown by so quickly! I still feel 25 someday! Other days, not so much!! We're expecting our regular groups in 2025 and look forward to more meaningful and deeper connections with the people in our community this year. We would appreciate your prayers for our family as well as our ministry. God continues to use us, sometimes in unexpected ways, but we are willing to do what He calls us to. Pray we would do all things to the BEST of our ability and with excellence.

As we close our little letter, we pray this Christmas would be meaningful to you as you think on the Gift God has given us in His son Jesus. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. and this is not your own doing; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD," (Eph 2:8).

We are so grateful for HIS precious Gift!

Serving THE KING together,
Mark & Gina

**Picture above looks like snow, but it was taken while visiting White Sands National Park for Mark's birthday last March. We got a lot of snow for Thanksgiving and not much since. It's currently 58 degrees and sunny with no precipitation in the near future.



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