



## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ERIC AND JOY SEWARD

### THIS FALL

We enjoyed one of our great beach house vacations with the family @ Topsail Beach, NC.

Sunshine, sand, waves, great food, games, beach walks and good talks. All the things we have come to enjoy about the beach.



### OUR FAMILY

The big guy on the left is Kaiden (14) brother of Marshall (12)-- the other big guy next to Joy. They are Josh's sons and live in WI. To the left of Eric is our son, Jordan, his wife, Rachel, and their three children, Morgan (5) Harrison (2) and Katherine (9) Our niece, Jody, took the photo. She came, too!



### DEAR MINISTRY FRIENDS,

We have two new items to share with you!



Firstly, after our partners in the International Discovery Group, the Whattoff's, semi-retired and moved to the Chicago area, followed by the Covid crisis, our ministry to internationals on the U of I campus slowed. We were mostly following up and connecting with those we already knew. God used this time to show Eric that He was changing our direction in ministry and it is very exciting! More and more Eric has been brought into contact with men who are in need of fatherly relationship; advice and direction about being a man in a difficult age; and men who need healing from absent or abusive fathers. About that time Eric was invited to be a volunteer Chaplain at the Champaign Police Department. This has opened a door to befriend men who need a listening ear or some safe time to sort through challenging thoughts or circumstances. All this to say, we are turning our attention toward these men with Joy coming alongside when wives or girlfriends are involved. This is God's doing and we are just standing amazed!

You have faithfully supported us for these twenty years as we reached out to international students. We hope you will come along with us in this new adventure to a growing need. We are very grateful for all you have contributed to our ministry. Please do continue to pray for these internationals: Giovanna and Filippo from Italy, Ayush from India (who will be attending his first Christmas service this month), Chirayu who is also from India, and Eagle from China.

Secondly, we are announcing our mission agency's new website and the ability for supporters to contribute online. Go to [www.outreachcf.org](http://www.outreachcf.org). In the menu drop down select, GIVE. There you may designate our account, your amount, and frequency. Perhaps this will be a convenient way to support us in the future. We outreach because you send us!

Wishing you a blessed New Year in 2022---Merry Christmas to all!