



Dear Friends,

It's been one crazy year. Even the Christmas billboards around town seem to be mix of nationalism, a fatalistic fatigue and a longing for hope in the face of so much that has happened this year. Christmas seems to have snuck up on us this year with November filled with so much uncertainty. We find ourselves missing "home" and family particularly acutely this year.

For those who have been praying for deepening relationships on Andrew's football team, we were excited to be able to welcome 20 of them to our house for a Christmas party this week. It's very clear that it is a unique and special community in the footballing world here and Andrew is having more opportunities to spend time one-on-one with the men sharing about their lives and talking about faith.

Bec is looking forward to a few quiet days over the holiday season with a break from work zooms before navigating leadership transitions and planning travel in January. Hopefully the new year will bring opportunities to sit face to face with some of our people and to get to know their contexts better.

The transition back to face to face school has been enjoyable for the boys. They are looking forward to some unstructured time over the holidays and maybe a chance to get and explore our country in winter.

We pray you have a joy-filled Christmas.

With love,

Andrew, Bec, Jem, Mac and Tad



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