

Christmas 2015

Dear Friends,

“For nothing is impossible for God.” (Luke 1:37) Those words from the Christmas angel calmed Mary’s heart. Those words have calmed and strengthened many for all the centuries since. Those words give us hope and confidence for the future. Our Lord has continued to prove those words true in our lives this year.

As we greet you with joy this Christmas season we’d like to share just a tiny glimpse into our family this year. This picture was taken at Easter when we were all together at Oakdale Christian Academy where Melissa and Jason continue to serve and their twins Jana and Luke continue to thrive. Michelle and David and their four –

lan, Isaac, Esther and Abraham have settled well here in Wilmore where Shelli works at Asbury University and David at the private Lexington School. Matt and Anna Lee have our two youngest grandchildren Porter and Wilder and also live here in Wilmore. Both work in mental health services, Matt with



adolescents and Anna Lee with children and families. Sylvia gets to help out with childcare one or two days a week. All of us located in a single state – what a marvelous blessing!

Last spring Art agreed to serve a few more months as superintendent in the New South Conference, now with the title transitional superintendent. The conference’s unique situation has made securing an ongoing superintendent a special challenge. In June they elected him for a 12-18 month term. His new title is transitional superintendent. We’re blessed to be able to continue our ministry as pastors to our missionaries in Africa. We spent three weeks there last winter and have another trip planned early in 2016. Sylvia’s volunteer work with Friendship International of Lexington keeps her regularly involved with women from many nations.

This is a wonderful time to celebrate – both what he has done, what he is doing, and what he will do – all in Christ. May the reality of the presence of our “nothing is impossible” God fill you with great expectations this holiday season and all through the new year.

Rejoicing with His great expectations,

Art and Sylvia Brown