

Tom & Ruth Denlinger Prayer Requests - Christmas 2015

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Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

Thank you so much for your prayer and financial support of our work in Alaska during this past year. It is quite encouraging to have friends like you affirm what the LORD is doing by being sensitive to the needs we have as a missionary family.

It is not easy running an organization that does not have a “marketable product” by which you can show a profit margin on a spreadsheet. Building trust and changing lives happens very slowly as we do the work the Father tells us to do. But faithful persistence is like building a foundation - one block at a time. **Over time you see results and having brothers and sisters like you that understand that process and invest to make it happen is very encouraging** - believe me.

Our children grew up seeing this challenge - watching the spiritual need motivate the physical work. God has blessed our oldest son, **Alex**, (to the left) with an amazing gift of understanding the complexities of derivatives trading in the stock market and he feels very strongly that God is calling him to build the Kingdom of Jesus Christ with his skills for making money. Our son, **Ryan** (in the middle), just came home for two months before his next assignment that starts on February 15. He is now on staff with Youth With A Mission in South Africa and is learning to develop his own support base as he has seen me do since he was a boy. My example to him is maintaining our relationship with you - showing him the need for regular communication with our supporters as well as sharing prayer requests. We are very happy to see him embracing this discipline as a young adult. Our daughter, **Chloe**, is finding her way as a young adult. She is working as a clerk at Giant Foods at the moment but has a heart for counseling young people. This past summer she worked for 6 weeks as a camp counselor and wants to continue to use her love for people as a tool to lead them to victorious living in Jesus Christ. **Please pray for her as she seeks the Father in this.**



Ruth and I are entering those years when you watch your children attempting to find their own way as young adults. **We would appreciate your prayer for our children** as they continue to press on to the goals the LORD has given them. **Ruth** works at a home that takes care of people with special needs. She is faithful and loving and provides a level of leadership among her fellow workers that emphasizes true compassion and unconditional love. I really respect her for being a consistent partner in raising our children to serve others. I also thank her for the last 20 years of standing behind me as we built this ministry.

Thank you for reading our family Christmas letter. You are a real blessing to us!

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