

# Tom & Ruth Denlinger Prayer Requests - Christmas 2016

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## Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

Thank you for prayerfully reading our family Christmas letter. You are a real blessing to us! Thank you for your prayer and financial help during the past year in supporting my wife and I in my work as the Director of LightShine Ministries.

I am ashamed to say that this photo is last year's Christmas photo. This year it will only be **Ruth** and **I** and our oldest son, **Alex** at home for Christmas so to get a full family shot, I used this one from last year. Ruth and I are experiencing our first dose of being "empty-nesters".

**Alex** (24 - on the left) works as a stocks and derivatives trader and feels very strongly that God has called him to make money for supporting missions. We are very proud of him for using his gifts in this way. In January, **Alex** will be moving into his own apartment. Please **pray** for Alex for wisdom and good health.

**Ryan** (21 - in the middle) is on staff with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Worcester, South Africa and this year he will be unable to come home for Christmas because he is coming home in April. His visa for South Africa is expiring at the end of April so he has to come home to get it renewed. He has been working there for three years and in October, and he has a vibrant ministry there training people for street ministry and evangelism.

**Chloe** (20) is currently in Beirut, Lebanon serving with YWAM who is working with refugee children and their families who has fled from Syria. Among many other things, she is actually taking part in giving our Christmas shoeboxes from Operation Christmas Child. I am so excited for her. Her Discipleship Training School (DTS) was in Arvada, Colorado (near Denver) and last for three months. After a few weeks in Lebanon, her team will also be working with refugees in Greece. Chloe comes home in February. **Pray that God gives her vision for her future.** Thank you so much!

**Would you please pray for our two children who are overseas for safety.** It is a little challenging to have them so far away and giving them to the care of other adults who you hope are keeping them in a safe environment. My son, **Alex**, told me, "Well, you know Dad ... you drilled missions into our heads our whole lives. Don't complain that they are not home for Christmas!" Yeah, I guess I am pretty thankful.

My work in overseeing the work in Alaska is never without its challenges. We had 9 teams serve there this year and now I am rebuilding our website with some of our staff while others are planning more teams for 2017. Its exciting to see the ministry growing. Take time to look at it!

Please **pray** for me for wisdom in leadership as we continue to meet new challenges in Alaska. I am so thankful for my supportive wife, **Ruth!** She has lovingly stood by me all these years and has encouraged our children in following God's call on their lives. Thank you for continuing to **pray** for us. If you would like us to come to your church and share more about our ministry, please ask your pastor and contact me by email: [lightshinealaska@comcast.net](mailto:lightshinealaska@comcast.net). Thank you so much!

