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Dear Friends,

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. It begins by celebrating the birth of Jesus with our World Impact family at *Christmas at Harmony Heart*, continues with our daily reading of an advent story and concludes with reading the Christmas story while gathered around the Christmas tree on Christmas morning. I love it all . . . the white glistening snow on the roof tops, the crunch of new fallen snow under foot, sipping hot cocoa by the warm firelight, and the laughter and noise of our children home for the holiday.

This year we will celebrate *Christmas at Harmony Heart* without part of our family. The Tices--Nathanael, our program director, and Paula, our food-service director--have decided that it is time to move on from World Impact. The festive weekend will be a bit sad without them, and we will miss having them minister with us. However, many volunteers and friends are stepping up to help us make this weekend wonderful for our guests. I am always amazed and humbled at the love and graciousness of people and their willingness to help out when they know there is a need. We are blessed to have such wonderful volunteers, family and friends.

With the Tices gone, and Kathryn, our guest coordinator, taking time off for maternity leave, life at camp is busy. I have taken on both the job of guest coordinator and food service coordinator, and Brian is carrying the program director responsibilities again. This is a bit overwhelming at times, but God keeps giving us the strength and encouragement to keep going. We know that the best place for us to be is totally dependent on Him, even when the circumstances seem more than we can handle. God continues to give us what we need when we need it.

Please pray for all of us as we continue to adjust to the changes around camp. Pray for strength and energy as we have many jobs to fill and few hands to do the work. Pray also for wisdom and discernment as we look to fill these vacant positions. Also, pray for Nathanael and Paula. Pray that God will guide and direct their path as they embark on this new phase of their journey.

Even though this Christmas season is a bit crazier than normal, I still love every minute of it. We will celebrate the birth of Christ and enjoy time with our children gathered around our Christmas tree. What a joyous time of the year!

May you have a wonderful and blessed Christmas season remembering the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

In His Grace,

Denise Luke—For Brian, Lydia, Rachel and Daniel