



Merry Christmas! Last week I was decorating the trees in the chapel and outside of Dad's Country Store. I decided (against popular demand) to use the old fashioned, big, colored lights. I know the trends, but then "who sets the trends?" I love the old lights. Macie, my little granddaughter and several of the missionary children came down to watch me turn on the lights to the tree. They gave me the vote of confidence I needed. "Pa, Pa, this is the most beautiful Christmas I have ever seen!" I stopped and hugged them. Then I did the unthinkable. I allowed them to help me decorate the tree. Yes, forget the matching bulbs and the layered look. We sat on the floor and I showed them how to make paper snow flakes. They colored them and put them on the tree.

On behalf of all the missionary kids, their families, our staff, and the board of directors, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God continue to bless each of us as we serve the Lord.

Steve & Dawn Hunter, *missionaries to Micronesia*
 Tim & Barbie Teboe, *Hispanic church plant in NC*
 Dan & Cherish Principe, *youth pastor in NC*
 Paul & Marla Vermillion, *missionaries to Jews*
 Larry & Joyce George, *SMH staff*
 Al & Lois Mitchell, *volunteers*

David & Sonya Kramm, *missionaries to Cambodia*
 Santiago & Jackie Olortegui, *missionaries to Australia*
 Dale & Carmen Phillips, *missionaries to Hungary*
 Johnny & Sabra Davis, *church planters in Midwest*
 Mike & Abbey Rich, *SMH staff*