

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 2016

We all live out of a story, a narrative that offers meaning and direction for life. We are grateful for the Grand Narrative of Scripture that upends all narratives of power, selfishness and greed. We celebrate the Messiah who “*made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.*” Phil. 2:7. Here’s an update from the Tabers.

- ◆ **Sage, a high school sophomore, took early retirement from track and cross-country.** The coach was too intense. Now she loves her third period aerobics and yoga class. She loses herself for hours in her artwork (artsy\_Sage on Instagram). Like other Tabers, she is a gatherer. Once or twice a month she will have groups of friends over for a fun night in our family room.
- ◆ **Elena loves Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego where she is studying business.** Perched above the ocean, she loves the beach culture where she took a surf class this fall. She spent a profound month this summer in Lebanon serving refugees alongside Quinn. She’s in her first apartment with five other roommates (we became one of three cosigning families...sigh). Her Moon Clique YouTube channel has 7501 subscribers and 150,000+ views.
- ◆ **Quinn is in his second year in Beirut, Lebanon with Horizons International.** He divides his time between Arabic study, refugee work, serving as interim Chief Financial Officer and capturing stories of God’s work in the region through photography and videography. He recently traveled to his 40th country at the ripe old age of 23. He has a close-up view of the refugee crisis affecting the region. Three of his roommates are from the Aleppo area of Syria.
- ◆ **Shirin leads the Middle East Women's Leadership Network** ([www.mideastwomen.org](http://www.mideastwomen.org)). The network provides mentoring, media training and partnership opportunities for women focused on the Middle East. Projects in development include a short film, a trauma healing TV series and media training in Tunisia in partnership with the United Nations.
- ◆ **Clyde is grateful for the growth of the Visual Story Network** to 300 organizations and 2500 “media innovators” in 90 countries. Personal highlights include daily juicing and launching Mission Media U, an online learning platform. Best book of the year: *Skeletons in God's Closet* (Butler).

We honor those who had an impact on our lives and passed away this year. This includes **Ahmad Madani** (Shirin’s uncle), **Jane Mueller** (Clyde’s first cousin), **David Schaible** (Clyde’s uncle) and **Fran Geasey** (family friend, spouse of Clyde’s father’s best friend).

We thank God for you!

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