

**A Year in
Review**

Faith, Joy, Peace & Hope

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

Dear Family and Friends-

It has been a year since I left Papua New Guinea to embark on a journey that I was assuming would be straightforward. My plan was to come back to the states, reconnect with people, find another place to serve, raise a bit more support, be tying up loose ends by this December, and then I would be able to return overseas early next year. God's plan had a few more detours and my year has been anything but straightforward. This year has been filled with lots of travel, prayer, constant changes, reorganization of my heart and the thoughts that go with that, family, new friendships, renewed **faith** and everything in between. **As I look back, I can say that I have consistently been surprised, blessed, honored and amazed at God's sweet providence and grace. I'm not where I thought I would be, but I am definitely where I should be.**

This year I have found great **joy** in new friendships, reconnecting with family and friends, and re-establishing church relationships as well as building new ones. We were created for relationships. **God has been so faithful in bringing people into my life so that I can enjoy community and fellowship no matter where I am.**

I am praising God for **peace** in my current circumstances. I still struggle with balancing my desire to be back overseas with my need to have roots while I am in California. But this is not a contradiction to God, and my life is not on hold while I prepare to return overseas. **Each step is part of his ultimate plan and in that, I can find great peace and reassurance.**

There is also abundant **hope**. **My heart is now in Perth, Australia where I will be joining a church planting team.** I am excited to use my gifts for outreach to the Aboriginal communities through literacy as well as community development. It will be amazing to see how God connects the church with these needs.

And most importantly, I am hopeful because of my faith in Christ Jesus who, as the Prince of Peace, brings great joy to all the nations. May the truth of the season shine!!



Looking forward to the New Year- *Joy Candee :-)*

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