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Dear Teammates,

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you. I am writing to you from my new seventy year old typing masterpiece.

Planting Churches:

Mountain View Hermanus has been ringing in this season of jolliness with a MVKids Christmas program and the anticipatory celebration of Advent. We have ~~XXXX~~ been able to welcome some newcomers and share meals together and prepare gifts for the children and families that God has blessed us to be ministering to.

Building Families:

As we welcome new families in we get the opportunity to know them and let ourselves be known. To build trust and sow God's word and the reality of the Gospel into ~~XXXXX~~ their lives. We have faith that this will in turn provide more space for change in their families and more Gospel opportunity.

Developing Communities:

When the week before Christmas arrives things begin to shutdown. For the most part productive life in vocation stops and hopefully "productive" family time begins. Inevitably this leads to extensive leisure time in some communities and extensive free-time with too little income and too little to do.

you could say that this time of year shows who we are through what we love. As we catch our breath and prep for Tara's doula course, her parenting lessons for mothers who are at risk of losing their kids, my pastors training and theological education, and several more opportunities that we are praying for God to provide the community leaders necessary to grant us entrance into different parts of ~~XXXX~~ Hermanus we ask that you would pray along with us.

I am always attempting to be an example of patience in ministry and by that show the humility that a foreign missionaries must have and all ministers should have. But as noble as the ideal of slow growth is, both in my life and in the life of the church, it is painful to sit actively by and wait. In fact, I suppose this is much like the Advent season. We work and wait while waiting to see how God will show his faithfulness off.

Please excuse the mistakes. In them lie two important lessons. ~~Some~~ ~~XXXXX~~ Sometimes we must live with the mistakes and that it is okay to make them. Thankfully we are not asked to redeem ourselves. Jesus does that for us.

With Love,
Team McComas
(Wade, Tara, Finnegan, Aislinn,
Maeve, and Cian)