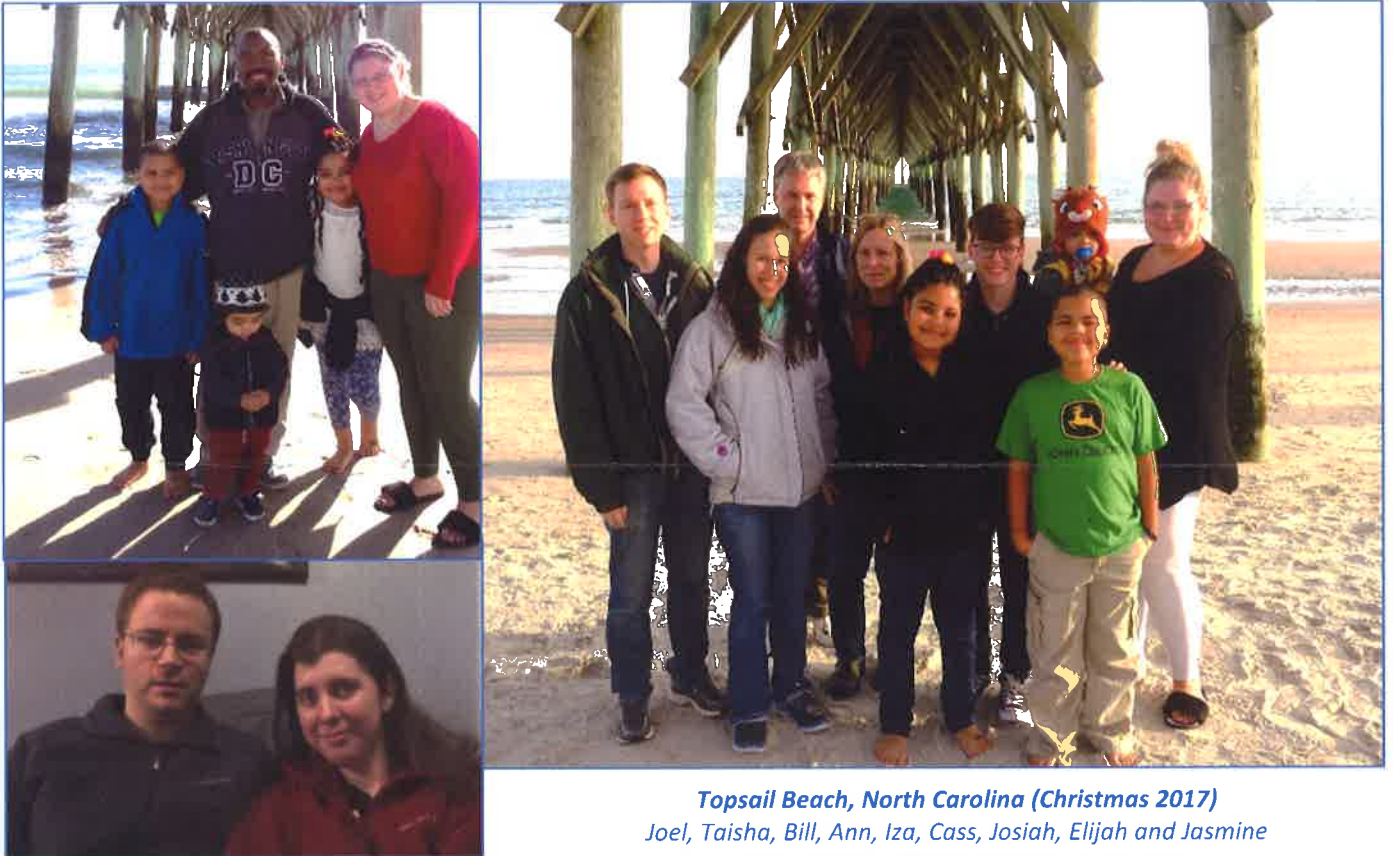


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Blessings for the New Year from our Family to Yours!



Topsail Beach, North Carolina (Christmas 2017)

*Joel, Taisha, Bill, Ann, Iza, Cass, Josiah, Elijah and Jasmine
...with Jackson, Eli and Amanda to the side.*

Bill and I traveled to the United States over Christmas to see our children (and sort through six months of mail). We're only home for a short time, returning to Africa this weekend, but we have so enjoyed seeing friends and family. We didn't all make it into the annual Christmas photo (Jackson had to work the day after Christmas and Eli and Amanda in Berlin NH had too short a vacation to make it to the beach in NC), but we visited all our children and some extended family during an 8-day trip from Maine to the Carolinas.

After the long drive back to Maine, we're spending the last few days of our time at home packing trunks full of clothes and shoes, as well as knitting and school supplies that others have sent to take back to Africa. We are so privileged to be able to be conduits of such love and support.

With love, joy, and hope for 2018!

Ann, Bill

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