



Letters from the Mission Field December 2017

Hello my friends!

Merry Christmas! What an amazing time of year! This past month we've celebrated lots of birthdays! I turned 29 this year and had so much fun going out to eat with my girlfriends at our local burger joint. Best veggie bean burger, EVER!

Penelope also turned TWO this month! We had a big party with all the mission kids.

Adit came and knocked on my door, "Hey Ash, can you help me with this math?"

He pushes the door open wider and peeks in the living room.

"Oh! You're decorating for a party?" He asks.

"Yes! It's Penelope's birthday tomorrow. And everyone's invited!"

"OH MY GOSH!! I'M invited? I can come?!" He is shocked to be included.

"Yes! You're invited! We'd love to have you come."

"OH! Happy early birthday, Penelope!"

Later the next day, the ice cream truck comes.

"Ice cream truck!" Penelope squeals with delight.

"Oh sorry, babe, I don't have any cash."

Adit runs home and comes back out handing Penelope five dollars! was so touched by this gesture.

On the day of the party ALL the mission kids show up to celebrate with Penelope. We run relay races, do jumping jacks and pushups before enjoying cake and pizza.

Our neighbors bring P presents and then Miles surprises her with her big girl bike! She loves it! "Happy Birthday bike!" She says.

I light the number two candle and bring out the cookie cake. About thirty little voices sing out, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PENELOPE!!" P gets a little shy at this point and buries her head in Daddy's shoulder. But she's right back at being the life of the party once the cake is served!

What a great memory! Happy Birthday Penelope and later this month, Happy Birthday, Jesus!



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