



# FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN. UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

*"I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is the moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle - victorious" Vince Lombardi*

*"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?' Matthew 25:37 NKJV*

A few years ago we gave strong considerations to serving God overseas to help people develop clean water solutions. Ultimately, we decided that the time wasn't right. Our decision, though correct for our family, does not diminish the urgent need for (the all too scarce) clean drinking water. The simple fact is far too many people around the world do not have access to the one thing that we in America so easily take for granted. According to Living Water International, "Water, it is at the heart of a daily crisis faced by a billion of the world's most vulnerable people—a crisis that threatens life and destroys livelihoods on a devastating scale. Unlike war and terrorism, the global water crisis does not make media headlines, despite the fact that it claims more lives through disease than any war claims through guns. Unlike natural disasters, it does not rally concerted international action, despite the fact that more people die each year from drinking dirty water than from the world's hurricanes, floods, tsunamis, and earthquakes combined.

This is a silent crisis experienced by the poor, and tolerated by those with the resources, technology, and the political power to end it. Yet this is a crisis that is holding back human progress, consigning large segments of humanity to lives of poverty, vulnerability, and insecurity."

Living Water International (<http://www.water.cc/>) exists to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, and to experience "living water"—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst.

This Christmas (and in the future) our family challenges yours to celebrate Christmas by giving the gift of clean drinking water to a community that desperately needs it.

God continues to richly bless our family. Noah and Kaara are both doing well in school. This is Kaara's first year in Chess Club and she will be starting Lego Robotics in the spring. It has been exciting to watch Noah enter his pre-teen years. Kris and I continue to enjoy our jobs (Kris still at RE/MAX Equity Group and me in my second year at Intel) and enjoy the opportunities that God has given us to develop our professional skills.

We are excited to see what God has for us in 2012 and look forward to the things He has in store for us both as a family and as individuals. We hope that the same is true for you.

Merry Christmas,

The Keener Family