

HAAS STORYBOARD

OUR OWN HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Thanksgiving day with Holly's family: two aunts, an uncle, both parents, brother, sister-in-law, three nieces, two cousins... and the turkey she married.

We've now lived in Cary, North Carolina, for over a year and thankfully feel settled. God has graciously provided over and above our needs. Although at the time of this writing we're still waiting for a foster placement, we feel prepared (if that's possible) to welcome children into our home, situated in a quiet neighborhood.

Our January letter has to be printed before Christmas so we don't have pictures of our visit to Maryland (scheduled December 22—January 2). Fortunately, we have plenty of stories and photos from Thanksgiving. It was a marital milestone to welcome family into our home for the first time on an American holiday.



Holly's mom riding the mall train with Danny & Lauren's girls.

We joined a new Thursday night Lifegroup at our church November 1. Our first group photo celebrates a member born in India becoming a US citizen.

Center: Aunt Mary reading Right: Andrew telling the Christmas story from memory



We could talk about upcoming TWR MOTION work as we begin adapting the OneStory animation series for several countries in North Africa and the Middle East. We could talk about thousands of people who have viewed episodes of the first language. But what's really important are the lives that have been touched one at a time.

"I visited your page twice yesterday, I don't know why... I have felt lost, but I feel at peace in Christianity."

"When I got to my late teens, I felt that something was missing. My questions were [considered] shameful because I feel connected spiritually to Jesus Christ."

"I am a teenager from a Muslim family, I read the Injil [Gospel] and have felt drawn to the Messiah. I believed in him that he is my savior. I don't know how to talk to my family about this and I haven't found anyone who could give me good advice, everyone says that I am a pagan blasphemer."

"I searched for a Gospel online and I found it! My eyes were opened. I cried and I laughed, it was a beautiful journey."

"A beautiful episode. I thank you. Could you give me a copy of the book?"

"I am a new Christian from a Muslim background... in secret."



Although most of the photos we took at Thanksgiving feature sitting around tables at home, we occasionally documented going shopping and eating out.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Andrew & Holly

P.S. To see the finished Central Asia video Andrew traveled to Europe to film earlier this year visit: vimeo.com/twrglobal/centralasiawavesofhope



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