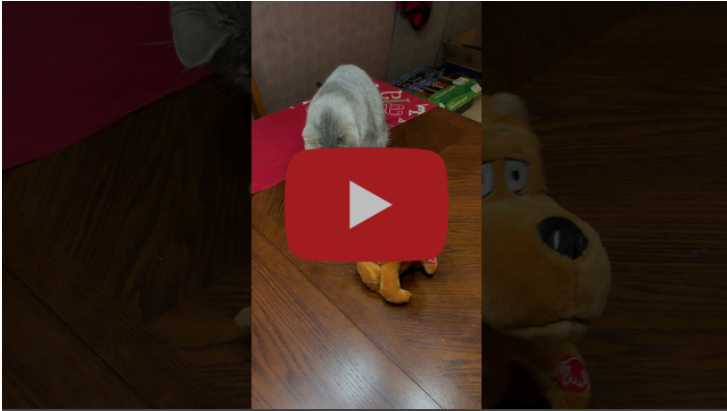


Update on Jill's work with GHI

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Some times it just helps to lighten up, not take everything so seriously, and to laugh. I hope this short video clip makes you smile today!

You can't stop CHRISTMAS!

No matter where you are or who you are with

You can ALWAYS celebrate CHRISTMAS!

It is Christmas Eve afternoon and I'm sitting in Minnesota in front of my fireplace, with my Christmas lights, my cats (whom have never celebrated Christmas with me before;), and a few inches of freshly fallen snow. It is going to be a different Christmas, but it will be good. If you were here with me I'd make you a cup of my special mint mocha coffee (mint hot chocolate combined with coffee) and offer you a treat - today we have apple pie bites, almond bars, and mint brownies. The last one is supposed to be a "healthy" version, we'll see if it passes the taste test.

I would love to be in Michigan with my family today, but travel didn't seem wise given the current state of spread and infections in the mid-west. So I'll hang out with dear friends tonight and tomorrow night here in Minneapolis. If 2020 has taught me anything it is how precious relationships are and how we really need connection with each other. I don't like how this virus and governors' orders have isolated so many and made us afraid of people. We were made for relationship and that is what Christmas is about, God wanting relationship with us.

As I look around my living room I see the words: This home Believes, O come let us adore Him, Joy, Merry & Bright, and Peace. All are words of hope. I'm especially struck by candle flames and lights this year as symbols of hope. Darkness cannot extinguish the light and it may take time but light will cast out

darkness. We get to be light and no virus can stop us from sharing a smile, a phone call, or a kind word. I believe that the hope of Christmas is going to grow and expand in 2021.

I am extremely hope-filled about 2021, God has been preparing us for good things ahead. I've had lots of opportunities to give this holiday season and to stir up the hope that is inside me. I've been volunteering often out at the HEART Warehouse in Shakopee. This month that included being part of Christmas Gift Distribution. Seeing hundreds of struggling parents be blessed and encouraged with cart loads of Christmas presents for their kids was just amazing.

I've also be blessed this fall to assist my church, Stadium Village Church (SVC), prepare to purchase and begin remodeling a new building in 2021. This move and change of facility will provide much more space, and many, many opportunities to bless students, internationals, other ministry partners, and our new community in Prospect Park. This is a huge project for us humanly speaking, but God continues to open doors and provide for SVC to become Towerside Church in 2021.

Praying God's PEACE, JOY, HOPE, and ABUNDANT BLESSINGS for you and your family this Christmas and into 2021!

*Love and Blessings,
Jill*

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