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The Christmas Poinsettia

Every year our office receives a beautiful poinsettia for Christmas. We have a few plant moms in the office, so we made a goal to see if we could manage to keep this poinsettia alive till this Christmas! Well so far so good. It is full of beautiful green leaves with a few red ones left from last year!

In reading up on how to get the leaves to turn red, something caught my attention! For a poinsettia to turn red again, it has to sit in TOTAL darkness for 14 hours per day from September until it turns red. That's when something dropped into my spirit! How many times have we felt like we were all alone, going through life's struggles? Loved ones pass away, losing a job, unexpected hospital stays, sickness..the list could go on. But we feel like we can't endure much more. In life, we have to go through those dark seasons to help us bloom!

When you plant a seed, where does it go? In the dark! The outer shell of the seed cracks and breaks. Then the plant pushes its way through the dirt to the sunlight. Then it grows to its potential! The poinsettia looks nice with the beautiful green leaves, but not its intended color. To reach its purpose, it has to go in the dark!

This holiday season, remember that this year may have been a difficult one. But those are what I see as the dark seasons! The Lord is preparing you to reach your potential! Just like we are noticing the color coming in the bracts of our poinsettia, your color is starting to shine through and at just the right moment you will shine just as beautiful as our red Christmas poinsettia. Remember, you aren't alone, even in the "dark hours" He is as close as the whisper of His name: Jesus!

From our family to yours, we wish you the merriest of Christmas seasons!
Fred, Crystal, Phill, Katie, Callen, Stephen and Hope.



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Kovach Praise and Prayer

- † Please pray for Stephen as he receives his training to be an airline pilot and Hope as she continues her skating career in competitions and as a coach.
- † Praise God for the new Swedish.GLOBALreach.org website with 154 new evangelism and discipleship resources as well as a new course at Khmer.GLOBALreach.org for Cambodia!
- † Please pray for God's provision for our ministry and for the India College of Ministry with it's 55,000+ students!

Phill, Stephen and Hope's Corner

Hello everyone, Stephen here for the Winter Edition of the Kovach Kids Corner! It's getting colder outside, lights are being hung from every surface imaginable, and Mariah Carey can't wait to tell us about the one thing that she needs, and that means that Christmas time is upon us once again!

My nephew, Callen, is continuing to grow and discover new things about the world around him, and was even able to sit up on his own, and try a little bit of Turkey at Thanksgiving Dinner! We all can't wait to see what a wonderful Man of God he grows up to be. I will also be continuing my journey to grow and discover new things as I begin my airline training this winter! I'll be spending the next few months in a classroom and in simulators as I prepare for the next stage in my career, and I should begin flying early this spring! Hope is continuing to do a fantastic job with coaching, and she works hard to share her passion and talent with her 6 students! She'll be furthering her skills at a training camp this January.



That about wraps up this winter's Kids Corner, I hope everyone has a Safe and Merry Christmas Season!

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