

# Merry Christmas from Icthus Ministries

## And the Dingle Family

Praise God for 2020. What a year! We trust that as you have faced many new challenges and trials, Jesus has poured out his lavish love upon you in very tangible ways. The Dingles are so thankful for all the ways you have encouraged, supported, and blessed them in another year of fruitful ministry!



This was a special year for Bill - 30 years of ministry at Icthus! The anniversary in September came and went without much festivity. No matter what, the grass still has to be mowed, and the cow milked! But our family was very proud for Bill, and we privately rejoiced in all the wonderful memories of faces and times gone by of that little retreat center on the side of a mountain! People often wonder how we manage the amount of work, but we are so happy to be living in this mountain paradise. And we are blessed to have each other!

The summer was rich with young people who were very hungry for God. We noticed that after months of quarantine, people of all ages were treasuring corporate worship and Bible study. Our retreats were fewer than usual; however, God sent many people to us through different avenues. One young veteran asked Bill to baptize him! One pastor from Virginia spent three weeks in the Creek House seeking renewal. Dozens of local people visited the Haven to experience a working farm and to buy fresh farm products. The local clogging group, of which Edith, Emma, and Lydia are a part, started meeting at the pavilion. Four local ladies started joining Edith in one of the guest houses for weekly Bible study. And the 21st Annual Praise Festival was a huge success!

