



## December 2018

On behalf of the staff of the EPC General Assembly Office, I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

As we close this most remarkable year in the life of the EPC, I hope you're able to take some time to reflect on all of God's blessings to you and your church. I know that for some of you, it has been a hard year. I sincerely hope and pray that as we turn the page to 2019, that you experience God's grace, peace, and love in a fresh, anew, and life-changing way.

But even in the midst of hardship, we have so much to be thankful for. For example, this is the first Christmas since 2015 that Andrew Brunson will spend the holidays with family and friends, and not with cellmates in a Turkish prison. I know I speak for all of us when I praise God for His faithfulness to Andrew, Norine, and their family.

Another area I am thankful for is the incredible staff behind me. These men and women are a wonderful blessing, and their impact goes beyond their service to the EPC, its churches, and its leaders. I hope in the year ahead you'll have the opportunity to get to know them and their love for Jesus Christ.

Finally, in this season of giving I want to thank you for your financial contributions to the national level of the church. Your gifts truly help make us "Better Together" as we seek to fulfill the mission and vision God has given to the EPC.

In closing, I hope you'll celebrate family and friends this Christmas. Celebrate your church family, too. But most importantly, celebrate the amazing gift our Heavenly Father has given to us: His only Son—Immanuel.

Thank you, God bless you, and remember: to you, a Son is given!

Merry Christmas!