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Christmas Greetings and a Blessed 2008



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Dear Pastor, Co-laborers and Friends in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah 9:6, gives us a clear definition of why we celebrate Christmas, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Acts 1:11, confirms the fact that we serve a risen Savior and that we will be with Him some day, "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." What a joyous time of the year for all those that know the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.

This past year has been a time of waiting and trusting the Lord. Isaiah 9:6, says it all, what a loving and caring God we serve. The breathing problems continue but my Pulmologist has made some breathing method changes. Instead of the nasal cannula I now have a catheter (Scoop) in my throat, to supply the oxygen needed. The lungs are not able to heal themselves, so the breathing continues to be difficult. I have to stay on oxygen 24 hours a day at a volume of 4-5 when resting. During any activity I have to increase the volume to 6-7. When I do any activity, I can't go any longer than 5 to 10 minutes without resting. The body oxygen drops and I have to rest until it builds up again. I am very grateful for the fact that the oxygen level will build back up in 10 to 15 minutes. Although the oxygen supply seems to be a nuisance sometimes (most of the time) I am grateful that it is available to restore the oxygen to the body. The diffusion of the lungs are at 39%, which is the major cause of the problem. "Praise the Lord", I'm not bed ridden and other than the breathing, I seem to be relatively healthy.

At present (although we cannot return to a foreign field) we have been able to work with a church locally. Faith Baptist Church lost their Pastor to cancer. We have been exercising our "Ministry of Helps" with Faith Baptist Church, as we have offered to teach, preach or whatever else they would want us to do during their time of seeking a Pastor. They have been keeping me busy filling the pulpit. Faith Baptist is a small country church and at present cannot afford a full time Pastor, but are diligently seeking a Pastor to fill their needs on a part time basis. We have offered our services on a no salary basis until they find a Pastor to fill the position. We thank the Lord for enabling us to fulfill our call to the "Ministry of Helps" here until He sees fit to heal me completely for Foreign Service again. Although we cannot serve as we have in the past, we still claim the promises in, Psalms 46:10, Be still and know that I am God And Hebrews 10:36, For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. If it pleases the Lord, He will restore my health so we can serve again without limitations. If not, we can only thank Him for giving us the opportunity to serve the folks at Faith Baptist Church. We look forward to the days (maybe years) ahead to see the Lord work.

We would like to close with another promise from "Our Heavenly Father", Hebrews 13:5, *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

We thank you for your prayers and faithfulness through out the years. May our "Heavenly Father continue to bless you as you continue to serve Him. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

We will remain as missionaries with WWNTBM. Any communication can still be sent through WWNTBM.

Under His Wings,

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