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## Christmas Greetings and a Blessed 2009



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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." As stated in last years letter 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. Psalm 139:16, "Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them" says it all, what a loving, caring and knowing God we serve. Let me encourage you to read all of Psalms 139, as a Christmas letter from God to you.

As mentioned in our last letter, the Pulmonary Doctor had recommended that I have a Heart Catheterization to check the pressure on the right side of the heart and the Heart Doctor advised that I have both sides of the heart done while under going the procedure. The Lord showed His Grace again as I had the procedure. The right side of the heart was fine (no pulmonary hypertension) but there were 4 blockages (blockages were 2 at 80%. 1 at 90.7% and 1 at 99%) on the left side. so I had 4 stints put in place. I thank the Lord for the wisdom He gave my Heart Doctor. Dr. Chandler is a born again Christian. The breathing problem continues but "Praise the Lord". I'm not bed ridden. I can no longer go any distance without having to rest but after I rest for a time my oxygen level returns to 93/94.

God is good and He has shown Himself faithful during this time. One of the lessons I have learned through all this is found in Hebrews 10:36, "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." I read a sermon and was impressed by the following truth. Speaking about the Foreknowledge & Sovereignty of God the Preacher stated two truths about God that causes one to rejoice. 1) *The Foreknowledge of God, means that our Heavenly Father knows from the beginning what the end will be, nothing ever takes Him by surprise.* 2) *An infinite, sovereign God has foreordained every minute detail of our lives from before the foundation of the world. We delight to know that nothing happens by chance. We are not creatures subject to circumstances, dependent upon luck. There is no such thing as "good luck" for the child of God.* Would I like to be whole again now, of course, but I would much rather be doing the will of God. As God has promised there will be a day when I will be made whole again, "Praise His Name." We thank God for the many blessings we have received through out 2008.

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 friendship, 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.

Under His Wings,

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*The love of Christ  
can do amazing things...*

*The love of Christ can open your eyes  
and completely change your thinking  
about what really matters most in life.*

*The love of Christ can lift you above  
what is ordinary and everyday  
and make you believe  
that forever is not nearly long enough.*

*The love of Christ can open your heart  
and convince you once and for all  
that miracles really do happen.*