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Dear Friends,

Just a brief note to wish you all a blessed Merry Christmas and the wonderful expectation that maybe this will be the year that He returns.

Recently we were able to use a portion of the farmhouse for another one of Andy's Intensive Bible Institutes. This one was a wonderful study on the names of God by Silverio Martinez from a sister church in Elche, Spain. We are trying to set up to do some major inside work on two portions of the farmhouse but continue to have a number of "little" things to finish up around the outside.

By the time you receive this we will have had our annual Missionary Conference at church. Our guests speaker this year was fellow missionary Marvin Robertson, of Mostoles, Spain. On Friday, Francis Cosgrave, an Irish missionary planning on going to the Bajau people of Malaysia, gave his testimony. If our faith mission's promise goes up sufficiently we hope to add him and his wife, Nida, to our list of missionaries.

Several will be joining the church shortly and we trust the Lord will give us a good year in 2.003. Dec. 21st the church family will be going to a nearby restaurant for our annual church banquet and a rich time of fellowship.

John 3:16 so beautifully expresses the true meaning of Christmas. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

God bless,

Al & Helga