

“When I be lifted up..... I will” John 12:32

Dear praying friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, from the Island of Mauritius.

Lately we overheard a conversation, when a Christian lady said that she does not celebrate Christmas because the people here do not do it well. To this our Lionel retorted, “Is there a place where Christmas is celebrated with the due respect of the biblical fallacies, to the honor and praise of our living God?” It is our conviction that we cannot expect less of a Godless society than to lift up self and thus mar that which is most beautiful and precious to those of us who are truly born again people. We are determined here that our Christmas will be God honoring, Christ uplifting, and self abasing. As we wish you all a merry Christmas, we are proud to count you as those who have a mutual interest in God’s Glory.

This will be the second Christmas with Pascal away. We are thankful to God for all of your prayers on his behalf. God is marvelously providing his every need. We miss him a lot, but we are convinced that this is the place where the Lord wants him. Please keep him in your prayers, that God will use him mightily as he seeks to glorify the Lord.

The rest of our family is doing well. Both my wife and I are ever thankful for our children. They are all such a blessing to us. Tim does well in managing long hours of work and his responsibilities in sharing in our music ministry. Lionel and Hilary are both doing well in learning about and practicing the blessing of spiritual and scriptural growth.

We are enjoying the blessing of the Lord in the ministry. Both the Curepipe Baptist Church and the Victory Baptist Church are doing well. Pray for the specific Ministries that go on at the time of Christmas, and that in a society where the spirit of religion is rampant, the church in Mauritius will take it at heart to lift Jesus very high in our lives. We are thankful that the school year is over. But we are so so so tired from the graduation exercises. Thank you for your support in prayer over the year.

Now, we do not take it as a light matter that you have been our supporting friends over the years. There are times when saying thank you is not just enough. But from the depth of our heart - thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord in supporting us financially and prayerfully. Pray for our spiritual parents Dave and Elwanda Fields in Kenya. They have invited us for a preaching tour. Pray that this may be possible in 2005.

Merry Christmas, and may God bless you with a happy year 2005 when as a body in Christ we seek God’s glory day in and day out.

Yours missionaries,

Guy and Marilynne Grenade