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“...they shall call His name Emmanuel...God with us.” Matt 1:23

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings in the name of our most precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, from Mauritius. We pray that this letter finds you enjoying the blessings of the Lord.

December is here. Another year has flown by. We are growing old; but the message of Christmas is one that never grows old. Time has no bearing upon the wonderful message of Emmanuel - God with us (Mt.1:23), God in us (Col.1:27), God for us Rom.8:31). Matthew starts his gospel by introducing to us Emmanuel and he ends with Emmanuel leaving us with a promise that He will be true to his name: “Lo, I am with you always...” The French bible says: “everyday.” What are in our ‘everydays’? Weakness, fatigue, failure, fear, discouragement, the stress of daily routines, the threat of terrorism, and many more things to add to the dark background of our every days. Is it not a blessing to know that through it all, we have the promise of Emmanuel? Friends, let us rejoice in this fact that where others have seen a hopeless end, we, the born again children of God, with Emmanuel, see an endless hope.

Our Family is doing fine. Tim, Lionel, and Hilary are doing well. They are a great help in the ministry. Pascal is due to write his final exams and he will be finished with college. Now, he is considering going to seminary and he sure will need your prayers in that respect. Both Marilyne and I are enjoying good health and we praise the Lord for it. We are seriously considering coming to the States next summer. Please make this a matter of prayer. We will be glad to be present for Pascal’s graduation, attend the family week of WWNTBM, and we will hopefully be glad to visit with all of you who have so faithfully supported us throughout the years.

Ministry-wise, we are experiencing the blessings of the Lord. The churches are growing well. But it can be so hard at times. Growth takes time. People can be so difficult. We are ever so thankful that Emmanuel has promised that He will build His Church and that the Gates of hell will not prevail against it. It is our greatest joy to be used of God. This joy is complete whenever we see those who have come to know Christ as a result of our ministry, taking the gospel to others.

Dear praying friends, we want to say thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord in being partners with us in this ministry. Have a blessed Christmas and may the Lord bless you with a fruitful year 2007 in the ministry of the Gospel of Emmanuel.

Your Missionaries,

Guy and Marilyne Grenade