



JESUS, THE PERFECT GIFT

Dear Precious Friends and Lifeline Holders,

It seems unreal that we are now about to finish the year 2021. To close out another year by observing and honoring the INCARNATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST is a blessing. He has blessed and kept us through another year. He sustained life and a measure of health even through two severe events for the life of both of us.

Over a year ago, we were told that Doris would survive for six to twelve months. She is still physically sound though Alzheimer is gaining on her slowly but surely. Elwood has survived a broken neck and a septic infection, which brought on two hospital visits. Despite this, Elwood is still the caretaker for Doris and can do our housework and most of the needed work. To God be all the glory. I am praying and trying to figure out some better means of transporting Doris, and if God provides it, I would like to visit some of our precious churches that have stood so faithfully with us. We are managing to get Doris in and out of our Corolla, but it works on the back of the old missionary. We would appreciate your prayers.

We will soon observe the incarnation of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Of course, we automatically go to the stable and the manger. The manger is where He saw fit to enter the earth for His ministry. The announcement of His arrival came to the shepherds by night. I find it very interesting how this happened according to Luke 2:10. God's glory was the light in the fields with the sheep. The announcement came to the shepherds, not the temple or the political government. The bright light would be a great surprise to the shepherds on the dark hills. Thus the angel from heaven calmed them by announcing that there were "Good tidings of great joy." Today we have those same Good tidings of great joy.

This same baby is still alive and has paid the price of our sins and promised us a home in heaven if we trust Him and his finished work on Calvary. Truly, this is "GREAT TIDINGS."

This blessed and powerful message was not a message for certain exclusive people. The angel made very clear, and much Scripture still confirms that this powerful message is for "ALL PEOPLE," even an old sinner like me. I am glad to be whosoever. No wonder that it was announced as "good tidings of GREAT JOY."

We have a message that is far better than any new program today. Though there is trouble and turmoil on every hand in the world today, we have a message that can change the troublous turmoil of this world to one of "GREAT JOY." Of course, this is about the manger, but as it has been said, "There can't be a cross without the manger."

We who are enjoying the results of both must not keep it enclosed but share it all over the world as we go.

I pray that each of you and every church will experience that great joy in honoring our Lord Jesus Christ and in obedience to His commission, spreading that joy in His blessed name everywhere we go.

Again, thank you so much for your loyal support in prayer and material support. We love and appreciate you more than we have words to express. We do pray for each church and your ministry.

Because of Christ,

Elwood and Doris Hurst