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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

*“And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.”*

Luke 1:46-47

Late in October, the government lifted most of the Covid restrictions allowing us to fully restart church and pre-school and to begin preparations for the Christmas season. The theme this year was “The Joy of Christmas.”

Our “Junior Quiz Masters Class” on Wednesday evenings had to be moved to five o’clock to accommodate the protocols for Covid. This more than tripled the attendance of our children and gives us so much more room! We especially enjoyed adding a Christmas jingo game to start of class during the month of Christmas lessons.

We have six pre-schoolers this year which is the perfect amount with the very strict Covid protocols. One of my four year olds is diabetic and chose to continue learning remotely until January. It was challenging with only five weeks left until Christmas Break, but we were pleased with the progress that we were able to make.

It has been a joy to get back out in the community to talk to the children and adults and to invite them to our services. We also spread some Christmas cheer through our annual deliveries to the elderly and shut-ins.

Christmas morning was a beautiful day, but attendance was low in both the children’s service and the adult service. Unfortunately, many people sought joy in all the activities they have been unable to do due to Covid and forgot that real joy comes from peace with God. However, our choir did a wonderful job presenting their cantata, “The Joy of Christmas” and five of our teens also participated by singing one of the songs. We had several in attendance who are not saved, but they left without experiencing the true joy of Christmas. Please continue to pray for the lost souls here in Grenada.

Now we are looking forward to our Old Year Service on New Year’s Eve. Last year it was cancelled due to Covid so we are especially excited. Our theme for the New Year is “Live God’s Way in 2022.” We will be encouraging our church family to read the Books of History in the Old Testament and see the importance of living God’s Way!

As another year comes to a close, I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and faithful support over the years. Truly your faithfulness brings me joy and enables me to share the joy of Jesus here in Grenada!

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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