

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Ps. 107:2

## MATHENA'S



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Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

"But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil." Proverbs 1:33

We are thankful for God's safety, blessings, and peace in these unusual times that have been full of unusual happenings.

An outbreak of Covid-19, at one of the hotels, caused the Covid cases to jump from 40 to 127 cases with approximately 800 quarantined. As a result, some of the Covid restrictions were reinstated, and the government imposed an 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. curfew. The curfew caused some of our church services to be shortened or cancelled. We were especially disappointed that we were unable to have our Old Year Service this year. However, the choir was able to carol throughout the community, we were able to deliver Christmas gifts to the elderly and shut-ins, and the church delivered its monthly food baskets.

On Christmas morning, we had two church services in order to comply with the Covid protocols. The first service was for the children who attended services without an adult. Teacher Carrie taught them a lesson, and they received gifts and a treat bag. The second service was for adults and their children. The choir presented "The Journey of Christmas" which told of Christ's journey from the manger to the cross. It had a strong salvation message and asked the question: "Where will your journey end?" We rejoiced when one of our faithful teen boys received Christ as his Savior. Now Xavier is safe in Jesus.

We have been blessed with physical health and physical safety during these difficult times. Traveling has been hazardous. Heavy rains have caused landslides that have taken away homes and roads. Last week a large boulder fell knocking a house off its foundation in our community. All of this has taken a toll on our truck. An unusual noise turned out to be some loose and broken lug nuts and a week later, the steering rack broke. Both of these problems were discovered after we traveled all day. Praise the Lord that He kept us safe!

As we enter the New Year, we don't know what lies ahead, but we can rest in His promises.

In Christ,

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