



Merry Christmas!

December 2024

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It seems so hard to believe that this year is almost at an end. We have had a fruitful and busy year with many opportunities to minister. We are so grateful to the Lord for all He allows us to do. As the years go by, we do feel our age more, but God gives us strength to work. We plan to keep going as long as He allows. Remembering the past year is a good way to become more thankful. So here goes. . .

The year began with a trip to Yap, Micronesia, to help complete a school building there. Melinda was able to teach classes in the elementary school, and we both helped with School Spirit Days. A few students were saved during this time, and many others made decisions to serve the Lord in a fuller way. Upon our return to the US, we were westward bound. Our trip included work at Grace Bible Camp in Wheatland, WY; building food service carts for Red Cliff Bible Camp in Pinedale, WY; and work for First Baptist Church in Pinedale, WY.

We left Pinedale and headed for Cut Bank, Montana, where God opened the door to present our work to a new church. These folks were such a blessing to us. We also enjoyed a side trip to Glacier National Park. It was the beginning of our 50th Anniversary trip. The beautiful sights were a testament to God's creative power. We finished our trip with a stop in South Dakota to see Mount Rushmore. It is amazing to see this monument.

When we arrived back in South Carolina, we received a call letting us know that my brother-in-law had passed away. This took us back to Mississippi for the funeral, where we were able to help my sister. Travels then took us to Florida to give an update at a supporting church. This was a good time to visit with old friends. We were then in NC to help build some exit decks on a church and then put in some new landscaping beams around the flower beds – after we removed the old bushes and flowers.

After Hurricane Helene passed through the Greenville area, we did a lot of cleanup. So many trees were down. Thankfully, there was no damage to our property. We were without power and internet for several days, though. We then went to Newport, TN, to help a church there that had been severely damaged in the storm. Whew! As I said, we have had a very busy year.

This next year promises to be just as busy. For the first couple of months, we will be helping with a new church building in Tucson, AZ. This church has supported our ministry for many years. In March, we will be back in NC to work with a couple entering a Ministry of Helps. We will be doing work there as well as teaching and preaching. We appreciate your prayers and support so much. We could not do this without your help.

Please keep Pastor Ray and Nukuoro in your prayers. Many workers are needed in these islands.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a fruitful New Year for our Lord.

In Christ,
Jack & Melinda

