

# Christmas Blessings

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Greetings and Merry Christmas from Delta Junction,

The other morning I was reading in "Morning and Evening" by Charles Spurgeon and came across a devotion that sums up our lives. The passage was Psalm 68:10 "Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: Thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor." A little of what Spurgeon said on this verse sums up how God works in our lives. We have so much for which to praise Him - for not only how He has worked the past few months but does so all the time in our lives. Spurgeon said, "God has marked with prescient eye all the requirements of his poor wandering children, and when those needs occur, supplies are ready. It is goodness which he has prepared for the poor in heart, goodness and goodness only. 'My grace is sufficient for thee.' As thy days, so shall thy strength be.... No pinch shall ever arrive in your spiritual affairs in which Jesus Christ shall not be equal to the emergency, for your history has all been foreknown and provided for in Jesus." What a blessing this is and what a God we have the privilege to serve.

Every day Nancy and I pray and ask God to help us to be used for His honor and glory. It is our desire to be a witness for Him no matter the circumstances that may come our way. We start the day with plans on doing certain tasks but then someone calls or an unexpected incident (unexpected to us anyway, but not to God) comes up and we are heading in a totally different direction than we had planned. Then we are given an opportunity to witness or to be an encouragement to an individual, family or group of people that earlier that morning were not even on our mind. There are so many people that God has brought in our lives this way. Some we only see that one time, but others become part of our lives and we now minister to them almost daily. An example of this occurred last week. We went to Fairbanks the day before I was to have a procedure done at the hospital. The next morning while waiting to go to the hospital, I received a text from a friend that lives in Fairbanks asking for prayer. He was having surgery that morning. I looked at Nancy and asked "Ready to go? Maybe we can get there in time to have prayer with him before his surgery". We took off to the hospital. I entered through the ER entrance and was headed to the outpatient area to pray with my friend and also to sign in for my procedure which was schedule for that afternoon. As I was walking through the ER lobby I saw a couple waiting to be seen. I recognized them from the clinic in Delta where I am a volunteer chaplain. I stopped and spoke with them and asked if I could pray with them. The lady agreed. We held hands and had prayer. I then went to the outpatient area, signed in for my procedure and then went back to the pre-op area to pray with my friend that was having surgery. The lady that I saw in the ER lobby was admitted to the hospital and I was able to visit her later in the week. When I walked into her room she reach out her hands and asked me to pray. We prayed together and talked about the goodness of God. Thankfully she is out of the hospital but still stands in need of prayer. When I saw her at the clinic this week I was able to pray with and her husband again. Please continue to keep her in prayer as well as the ministry at the clinic and assisted living center.

Also please keep the ministry to the firefighters in prayer. A fireman recently died unexpectedly at his home and his death has affected the members. We have tried to be there for them and the family but there has been a closed door for anything spiritual. We continue to pray for them daily. I pray that the Scripture that was shared at the service will touch hearts and that they will be saved. We continue to reach out to the individual that lives off the grid here in town. We have had many more opportunities to witness to him and pray that the Holy Spirit will open his heart.

We appreciate all your prayers and support. We truly appreciate our home church and others that gave extra to help with truck repairs. We had to have a lot of repairs done last month but praise the Lord that the financial need for every repair was met. There are a few more repairs that are needed and we are trusting the Lord for that need to be met as well. As we stated at the beginning of this letter, the Lord already knows and is prepared.

We praise the Lord for every one of you. Please know that we appreciate you so much for faithfully standing with us through your prayers and support.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your missionaries,

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