

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 2012

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And the Angel said, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be for 'all' people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Dear friends:

God had a spiritual Kingdom in mind. A kingdom that offers us new hearts that will last for Eternity. This is the Good News of Great Joy!

We have been trying to spread this good news under the umbrella of "Manna Publications" for the past 20 years. Every year God raised up co-workers in many third world countries – men who travel under harsh conditions to villages where most do not even own a Bible. "Manna for Children" little coloring books were added to the collection. These have brought many children to Jesus. "Wise Men Seek Jesus" is rolling off the presses in many languages in time for Christmas. Adults who cannot read – read the drawings to learn the Bible stories.

Fred's eyes are causing some problems. He had all kinds of lung tests last week because of breathing problems. Ill health brought much help from some of our Board members. Yes, He is Faithful!

I was able to get back to weekly Bible Studies with 17 or so ladies here in this building. Finished Ruth and planning to follow up with more studies on some very important ladies of the Bible. We ask you to pray for this small group on Tuesday afternoons if the Lord brings us to mind

It has been so encouraging to have three ladies in India translate some of my Bible studies. These were all prepared and approved by our CE Director at No. Myrtle Beach Presbyterian Church some 15-20 years ago. Reminds us that God's Word is cross cultural. Its transforming power applies to the Church worldwide.

Ten long years have passed since we lost Wendy in the terror of 9/11. Some days it feels like just yesterday. They tell me time heals, but the grieving process still goes on. It is such a precious time, for both of us, when her eldest, Dr. Loren and her husband visit. They love the Lord and seek to live for Him. Just a few weeks after Loren started her residency at Vanderbilt Hospital they had a beautiful baby girl. Arabel Wendy. She is back at work and tells us she believes God wants her to be a doctor. Ashley, the youngest, is finishing up two Master degrees – Library Science and her MBA at Kent State. She really wants to be a writer.

Forty six years ago we arrived in the US with four young children and one huge challenge ahead. Our resources were very limited, our friends very few. Dr. Laubach welcomed us to Laubach Literacy. Fred was trusted with their dying Publishing Department and worked night and day to make it a story of success. America was a wonderful, generous country in the 60's. Folks were proud of the godly beginnings which were founded on His Word. Sad to say it has changed. A spirit of lawlessness seems to be spreading over the entire world. Surely Jesus is coming soon. That great and glorious day of His appearing with myriads of angels – the trumpet sound – and time is no more. We look forward to meeting those who have been redeemed because we were faithful to His call on our lives.

The grandchildren are finding it hard to get employment in their fields of study. Unemployment is real and touches many families. I can hear my Jamaican friends praying Proverbs 14:35 out loud. "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. How true of our world situation today!

Jeanette is looking forward to retirement. She came home from a vacation in Jamaica very sick and in hospital on antibiotics and fluids right this minute. Her husband says the color is coming back into her cheeks and she looks much better. Her eldest is moving to Latin America – Uruguay. He met a lady friend when he visited earlier this year. Her family has already made preparations for his arrival. Timothy is a licensed Financial Advisor and thinks Uruguay is the economic hub for Latin America.

Our Stephen was married (again) this past summer to a sweet young lady who has her head on right! We are so happy to see him so happy. Last week Gay drove down with two of Jeanette's – Tim and Rachael. Rachael is working for Holiday Cruises that tour the rivers of the US and Europe. She loves it. She is the 2nd Mate in charge of security.

Gay hopes she can have another Gallery one of these days... right now she is happy being a Nanny to two little ones. She loves them and seems physically able to do all that is needed for little people. Her girls are grown. Arielle has a Science degree but very fortunate to be hired as the Buyer for a small Computer Store in Greenwich, Conn.

We hear from some of our childhood friends in Australia – and some of our cousins. Many have gone to Glory to worship at the feet of the Lamb that was slain. One day known only to God, we shall join the chorus and praise Him too. We hear from some of our missionary co-workers from Japan and Jamaica. from the family of God scattered all over the world.

Christmas is special for those who love the story of His birth.... Our hearts join yours as we thank God for all our blessings – given every day.

Our love and thanksgiving for you,
Fred and Lorna

When heaven opened that night the Angel said Jesus has come for 'all' people. With your help and prayers several hundreds of our books have gone out to some of these "all" people - the young and the old.

How we thank God for each one who prayed the morning of November 8. The surgery went so well even the Surgeon was surprised. Before she started the procedure, I told the doctor that 'hundreds' were praying for her! Well, maybe not hundreds – but a huge army of you were praying and sending e-mail, cards and phone calls. The doctor said, "I need it," then, "I feel it!!" She felt your prayers. Twice I heard her say, "It is going so well!!"

At the follow up appointment last Tuesday the doctor shared that she had wondered if it would go well. It had been six months. But, God answers prayer – your prayer. Cannot thank you enough! I lost 14 lbs of fluid almost immediately. My left leg looks the same as the other one!!!

God provided dear friends from our Church to help us over the past six months. A dear friend took me to the hospital – stayed until I was released. Then she volunteered to stay the night to make sure everything was OK. It was fun the next morning ... Fred fixed us a pot of English tea, yogurt and fruit!! We all sat up in bed and enjoyed the fellowship in the Lord – and breakfast!

MORE SURGERY: The next obstacle to overcome is a hip replacement (right hip). I see the Hip Surgeon December 9th. He couldn't do anything until we got the blood clots opened and everything flowing normally. When we know the date of

this procedure we will call for more prayer. I am looking forward to driving once again and not being in so much pain. I use a walker to walk because of the pain. There is no cartilage left to cushion the joint - just bone on bone.

Fred's joints cause him a lot of distress too! However, I do believe he is a walking miracle. It is 10 years since Fred was diagnosed with Parkinson Disease – it causes great weakness in his legs – yet he produces more and more copy and struggles with the artwork for his covers.

For the most part he sleeps well but eating is a bit of a problem. Sometimes the food does not want to go down. Trust God with us for 'strength for the day'.

MANY HANDS INVOLVED. The UK team, local Board members, personal friends, proof readers, Manna Representatives all over the world, have all joined hands to help get God's Word out ... Manna France is consolidating all the French materials for the French speaking folks of the world. It wouldn't happen without them.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT: is rewording "Healing for a Broken Heart" to make it suitable for truckers.. not small Bible Study Groups. A new representative plans to leave this booklet at various truck stops in US and Canada. Derek is a truck driver who wants to be involved. He is choosing what to print and where to put the materials for truckers to pick up. He will handle the e-mail and Dr. Carlisle, Board Chair, will address any questions if and when needed.

The local Mennonite Printers have given us one tremendous price for printing the first thousand. Please pray. We believe many troubled men will pick them up when they stop for gas, food or lodging. Truckers need Jesus.

WINTER CAME EARLY. The weather has not been kind to Gay and family. Hurricane Irene recently came through their township in Connecticut with devastating rain and winds. Three or so weeks later a freak blizzard hit suddenly. Gay fell on the ice and snow, she was unconscious for a little while – 911 could not handle the calls – no ambulance was available. Every second or third tree came down. An EMT friend was able to get an Ambulance ready for her and get her to the hospital. She has a metal clip in her head and seems to be recovering. Their town lost electricity for over two weeks!

JEANETTE and family all came before Thanksgiving, when everyone had some time. David and Rachael both have two part time jobs each until they find 'real' jobs. Timothy is a Financial Counselor with Mass Mutual. Rachael has a Maritime degree and David has two – hoping for some kind of clean water program etc. Paul is a Mr. Fixit and very clever. We always have a 'to do' list waiting for his visits.

LYNN and his girls keep in touch. They called on Thanksgiving Day. Ashley has 18 months before she finishes Graduate School with degrees in Library Science and a MBA. Loren will start interviews at various teaching hospitals. She has four years of residency ahead of her. Her Dentist husband, Derek, will be looking for a

job as a dentist as soon as he knows where his wife will end up. We hope it will be a little closer to Harrisonburg. It would be nice to see them more often.

STEPHEN'S Lisa has a baby girl just one year old. Nina working with fish and oysters etc.. Stephen and Rosie live in New York. Work is hard to come by for both of them in this economy. Rosie is a talented artist, Steve in masonry/construction.

WISE MEN SEEK JESUS coloring booklets are being published in several countries for this Christmas. Burma, India, Cameroon, Mozambique, Pakistan, Malawi, Cambodia, Congo and Sierra Leone. Like those 'Wise men' children will bow down and worship Him. MERRY CHRISTMAS!! Fred and Lorna