

Encouragement Now!

December 2014

Dear Friends and Family!

May you have a very Merry! Blessed! Healthy! Joyfull! fun! prosperous! And full of Gods biggest surprises in your life and your families this Christmas and this coming New year! We are excited to see what our Lord has in his thoughts for this year and the upcoming 2015! We know he has only good thoughts and plans! Cause He is such a warm and loving Great God!

As many of you know this year has been a very blessed year for us ! Yet a challenging one! The Lord has done so many miracles for us this year! Many know that my husband was attacked by the enemy on one of our ministry trips causing him to be unable to know me, couldn't speak, walk or talk! But our God has been so very faithful! Let me explain:

Many believe that God is not always good, I'm here to share with you, if you have been taught that way' I'm so sorry, I can tell you that my God is so awesome! kind! Patient! So very loving! And Sweet! He loves everyone so very much He gave us this season of Christmas every year to celebrate just how awesomely good He is! By sending the greatest gift ever! His Son Jesus! He not only sent Him to this earth for us in a very unique way! Through a virgin! As we all know! But then to take on stripes, beatings, pain, embarrassment, being spit on, being publicly humiliated, mocked, and accused, of horrible things,

Christmas is more

Such a beautiful time of year for good friends and close family to get together and enjoy the holidays over a great meal, time of relaxing and enjoying a good ball game. How can their be more?

Everyone is saving and scraping to buy the perfect gift and that special something that will WOW everyone. Some are just waiting to see the smiles in our children's eyes when they open their presents. How can it get any better than this? The end of the day leaves us with warm hearts, soft thoughts of what a wonderful time we had. How can their be more?

Look at the TV commercials, festive, joyful, heart warming, and everything is such a bargain, and the batteries never run out.

WOW, we did it, the holidays are over and we even went to Church, saw the children's Christmas program and viewed the beauty of the manger scene, it's been there a hundred years, hand carved and so beautiful. The donkey, lamb, wise men, camels, don't forget Mary and Joseph and the Baby Jesus. His wood is splitting, but after all these years He's not in to bad shape. How could their be more?

All is well in the world, at least for today. I am happy! Happy is a fleeting emotion, you won't be so happy when you have to clean up the mess, pay the bills and go to work tomorrow. Happiness is fleeting but joy is not. The joy of the Lord is our strength and that is something lasting, it never leaves you!

How could Christmas be more?

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Good tidings of great joy. Sure every thing in our world is not always the best we think it can be, but let's forget about the things of this world and concentrate on the things that bring us joy. Worry is not faith and we cannot please God without faith. Is Christmas more when we please our friends and family or is it more when we please God, who in turn gives us good tidings of great joy? I'll take the great joy every time! How could their be more?

laughed at, He even then became our sin! Being SEPARATED from the Father God! A very horrifying thing for His one and only son Jesus! For the world today, is still rebellious! And so unthankful, for even up to this day the world he paid such a powerful price for wants to destroy every nativity set, Merry Christmas sign! Any memory of the beautiful BIRTH Of CHRIST! And yet such a beautiful, loving and forgiving God we have! Everyday there is someone falling away from what He so thoughtfully and lovingly gave to us! Thru His beautiful son Jesus!

Many believe that God is not always good, but mixes with the devils ways to pick on the church! That is such a lie and has caused so many to become cold and hard hearted! Yet in times of crises they will still cry out to Him and He is so loving and patient with these who believe such discouraging thoughts that get deceived, just like with Peter, he returned! And God forgave!

This whole ordeal of making laws to get Jesus out of people's faces so they could look for someone or something else to worship, such a deception! We should not take time as believers to get involved, or believe someone else, we are to worship only one God, our triune God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost! The Lord has given all people the same opportunities! To receive JESUS as LORD and SAVIOR of there lives to turn from darkness into his wonderful light!

As we think about all our God has gifted us with! It's overwhelming! Protection Ps. 91 Healing! Is. 53 Salvation! John 3:16: Peace that passes all understanding! Love! 1st Corinthians 13: sound mind, 1Tim. 6-7! Authority over Satan, Mark 16! And the honor to be used of God! To serve in His kingdom, Mark 16! And so much more!

Now does this sound like a bad God? Someone who doesn't care about people? Someone born into this world for some selfish reason? No?

In this very frightening and unusual situation my husband and I have been walking through our most precious, loving, and truthful God has never left us nor forsaken

us! In every situation, at every turn in the road, He has been there walking us through, guiding directing us and manifesting Himself with miracles, signs and wonders! Even in the seriousness of the attack and our situation I can tell you without reservation that JESUS OUR SPECIAL GIFT, has been so powerful! Loving and caring! He has brought joy in the midst of hard times! He has given us Christmas like that original night when he was born into this dark and dyeing world! Bringing hope and encouragement, deliverance, healing, Gods love grace and mercy! Everyone has a day of birth and should be celebrated because God gave everyone that privilege! As should we celebrate our Lords Birth! Remembering why he came! If you or your loved ones are experiencing crises or hard situations, just remember Jesus has never changed!

We want to take this time to say thank you so very much to all of you that have sent encouragement! To our wonderful children and grandchildren that were there in the midst of the crises, for there continual love and prayers for their Daddy! And Grandpa! For you that have been watchmen on the wall night and day in prayer for those that have come from out of state to bring love light and blessings, for the financial blessings! The food offerings! And the hugs and cards bringing that light into the dark times just as Jesus at birth! Being there for dead battery's, tellers helping when my husband was unable too! Servers! You are in our daily prayers! Reagan is improving daily by the hand of God! Miracles signs and wonders are following after us! We are so thankful to our faithful wonderful God! You will be blessed to know that this word on " Christmas is More" was written by my sweetheart, His first time writing again sense this attack!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR JESUS! THE LIGHT AND LIFE TO OUR WORLD!

Merry Christmas
and a very
blessed new year!

Reagan and Patti

MERRY CHRISTMAS