



*“Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known in all the world.” Isaiah 12:4-5*

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### Beloved Friends and Family,

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Happy New Year, Beloved. We hope you have had a wonderful and meaningful Christmas filled with the inner joy and peace that comes from embracing the love of God demonstrated to the world in the gift of His Son, Jesus. It never ceases to amaze me of God’s choice of His birth place. Not the town, I get that, but the humble place in that town for the Creator of everything and the Savior of all people who will believe in Him, to be born in a stable where they kept the animals. Somehow it is a fitting picture of the uphill battle for the hearts and minds of fallen man. Already rejected, “... no room in the inn.” Already the enemy was on the hunt, “...go and make a careful search for the child.” May we start this year with renewed commitment in our hearts to receive and rejoice in Him, sharing the wonderful news that “unto you, a Child is born...” Oh, how we need His governance now in our land. Come, Lord Jesus, come, rule and reign in our hearts and in the hearts of those who lead us.

Christmas for us was rather quiet. Shirley made us a delicious meal. I am blessed with such a great cook for a wife. Any of you who have enjoyed food around our table can testify to that truth. We shared communion together and read the Gospel account of Jesus’ birth. Traditionally for us on Christmas Eve afternoon we watch our favorite Christmas videos, “The Nativity”, “The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever”, “The Muppet Christmas Carol” and “The Christmas Carol” with George C. Scott.

New Year’s Eve we enjoyed steamed shrimp, again another tradition for us that began when I was growing up. For years in the past, we would gather in West Palm Beach for a seafood fest together with dear friends, the Cook’s and Rayside’s. How we miss the sweet fellowship of the past and long for the time when Covid will no longer be an issue and we will be released to travel. Have you noticed that you can recognize a smile that is hidden behind a mask when you observe the twinkle and crinkle around people’s eyes? Praise be to God for modern technology that allows us to communicate with one another. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and faithfulness to write, call, email, and Skype. Your

Christmas cards have been received with great joy and blessing to our hearts. We rejoice in Father’s goodness and promises that He has kept so faithfully. We are abundantly blessed with His generosity and His loving care. We are well! Hallelujah! How great is our God! We are filled with gratitude! Too many people wonder if their glass is ½ full or ½ empty when we know our cup overflows with His goodness. Thank you each one for your prayers, encouraging notes and selfless giving. We trust Father has and is and will continue to meet your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.



Dr. Chioma

Two more of our precious students have graduated as doctors. Both will continue to further their studies as the Lord opens the doors. They are applying to the UK, Canada and the USA. Chukwuma wants to be a research doctor for pediatric cancers. Chioma will do a year of residency in Nigeria as she awaits to go abroad.

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Both are godly young people whom we love and we have had the privilege of watching mature in their faith and by His grace finish the university well. Both have written notes to us thanking us for sowing faith and encouragement into their lives. You in Christ are also a part of their success as you have prayed and given.

Our desire is to see more opportunities to be able to minister via the internet with students in Hungary. Amala, a Norwegian student emails profound questions seeking answers to scripture verses and the Holy Spirit is providing me wisdom as I respond to her. A Haz in Debrecen did not have its normal annual Christmas dinner where around 100 come for dinner and fellowship. This year small gatherings up to 10 shared the evening together and delighted in the goodness of the Lord. How was your Christmas? What did you do to celebrate God's gift of a New Year? We'd love to hear from you and know how you are doing and what you see as Father's focus for you in this year.

Thanks for praying for our brother-in-law, Tom, who has been battling for his life since August. He and Joyce left Guam where he pastors a church, over a month ago to get medical help in LA. He has been close to death many times due to many extreme issues some have been his liver, heart, infections, and extreme malnutrition, BUT GOD has done miraculous things. Hallelujah!!! Doctors did what they could do and they could not find the source. The Lord is faithful and gets the credit because the blood infection is cured and his abdominal infection is under control!!! They are suggesting that he be moved to a Long Term Acute Care Facility, also in LA when it is available. Covid is an extreme issue in the LA area and Joyce hasn't been able to see him for weeks. This will be a transitional hospital and they will focus on physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. The speech therapy is not about talking, in his case, it will be working on helping him swallow so he will eventually be able to have food. He has been on a feeding tube for about 1 month and this will continue for a long time to come (according to the doctors), (But God!!! Keep praying, please.) He can only swallow small amounts not enough to sustain him. He should be in this transition care facility for 21-25 days. And then to home health care. They will hope to go to Spokane. WA where their son and his family live. I could write pages on the horrors they have faced but their faith has never wavered. People around the world are praying. They have traveled to many Asian countries for ministry and are dearly loved.

Be encouraged in the Lord as you remember the ways He has ministered to you and through you this last year. The world would project an attitude that somehow the year is responsible for all that has happened and the start of this new year will somehow give us a clean slate and will hopefully be better than 2020. If only it were that simple. Let us take on Paul's attitude that he shared with the Philippians, "...forgetting what is behind, and straining towards what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. The lyrics to "Way Maker" resound in our spirits "You are here moving in our midst ... You are Way Maker, Miracle worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness, My God that is who You are..." He keeps His promises. May you feel His loving presence as you move forward to share His miraculous story, His good news. We love you and thank God for you.

Blessings, *Michael and Shirley*



**Dr. Chukwuma**