

Warm greetings to you in the name of our BLESSED & soon coming KING, JESUS CHRIST, our RISEN LORD & SAVIOR. I trust that in spite of any adversities, storms of life, or afflictions (Ps. 34:19) that you may be experiencing, that you can still SHOUT, "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL." No matter how difficult the afflictions of life are, the LORD promised (II Cor. 1:20) that HE would accompany us along the way (Matt. 28:20, Heb. 13:5).

November brought forth another blessed month of ministry with over 300 who rededicated their lives to JESUS, or received HIM in their hearts as LORD & SAVIOR for the first time. I had done 13 services in a 12 day period. It was also a blessed celebration of THANKSGIVING, but for me, EVERY day is a day of THANKSGIVING. Counting our blessings ALWAYS, makes a grateful heart.

My daughters Nikol & Lea & grandchild Elijah moved to Beaverton, Oregon the last week of October. I sure miss them, so Thanksgiving was spent with no family. I went to the Skid Row where thousands were fed & ministered to at the 3 Skid Row Missions. Connie & David Threlkel blessed me by inviting me to their home to an excellent meal.

Are you excited about the blessed holiday season of celebrating our LORD'S birthday? What a special time of the year. It's also a time of year to reach out in love to multitudes who are alone. A sad statistic is that between Thanksgiving & Christmas, some 300,000 attempt suicide each year because of loneliness. Suicide is not the answer. JESUS CHRIST is! HE is the ONE WHO NEVER LEAVES US NOR FORSAKES US. (Heb. 13:5; Matt. 28:20). Most people who are lonely really NEED that precious INTIMATE relationship with JESUS.

The first Saturday was a great day of ministry with Brother Clarence & his team at the Bread of Life Church on Skid Row. He gave 70 sleeping bags out. I gave the message. On November 10th, I was a guest speaker at the West Hills Church for Pastor Dave Drummond & had a wonderful time in the Lord. When I preach at a church, it's like going on a picnic. What a blessing!

Another blessing was performing marriage vows for Rebecca Ferratti & Xavier Declie. Rebecca was my co-star in two feature films. They are a very attractive couple. I had the honor & privilege to lead Xavier to the

Lord when I counseled them. I just keep getting blessed.

My brother Robert is recovering well from his prostate cancer surgery & is going thru 42 radiation treatments. I ask you who receive & read my newsletters to pray for a complete healing & deliverance with long life. He is a most beautiful human being, a man of faith who loves the Lord. He is the best brother anyone could have & I love him dearly. I'm praying to God in expectation (Ps. 62:5) for his deliverance & complete healing . He sent me this note on what "Cancer Cannot Do." "There is natural body & there is a spiritual body" (I Cor 15:44). Cancer is so limited---

It cannot cripple LOVE, it cannot shatter HOPE, It cannot corrode FAITH, it cannot eat away PEACE, It cannot destroy CONFIDENCE, it cannot kill FRIENDSHIP, It cannot short out MEMORIES, it cannot silence COURAGE, It cannot invade the SOUL, it cannot reduce ETERNAL LIFE, It cannot quench the SPIRIT, it cannot lessen the POWER of the RESURRECTION. AMEN & AMEN!

I'll be going to Donovan Penitentiary Dec. 1, 2002 to do 3 services in 3 yards & will be in there 8 hours. In every facility I go in to, there is a cancer of HATE & RACISM, yet GOD IS LOVE (I John 4:8). LOVE is what brought JESUS into the world (John 3:16) & it seems there's not much love in the world now. In Luke 2:11, the WORD OF GOD says, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a SAVIOR, which is CHRIST the LORD." Have you ever wondered how GOD would have chosen to announce the birth of HIS SON JESUS had HE elected to postpone HIS arrival some 2000 years to our era? Instead of directing angels to announce the glorious news of CHRIST'S birth to shepherds in the fields around Bethlehem, would GOD, in 2002, prefer live international satellite coverage, or elect to send a global E-mail message to selected world leaders? Rather than place a brilliant star over the stable, would GOD download to personal computers everywhere software that would navigate the recipients to MANGER SQUARE? Of course, GOD'S timing was & is always PERFECT & I am immensely grateful to GOD that HE did NOT delay for one moment the INCARNATION of JESUS CHRIST. GOD ordained the historic & humble manner of the SAVIOR'S birth in an obscure Judean village. So the question I ask you & me as Christmas approaches is how we maintain our ENTHUSIASM & INTIMACY with CHRIST in an age when we are distracted & diverted by responsibilities & obligations. See GOD involved in everything, the good & the bad. He does NOT cause evil, but HE does sovereignly assemble all things into HIS good plan for you. GOD is with

you in an illness, an accident, a tragedy, a job loss, a mate departed or deceased. He graciously uses even our mistakes & sins to accomplish HIS PURPOSES (Rom. 8:28). Our FATHER is NOT a hit or miss GOD. We can give thanks in everything because HE is involved in everything (I Thess. 5:18). Keep a POSITIVE focus of FAITH. Satan loves to get us down & disheartened, dulling our FAITH. But every time we CHOOSE to TRUST GOD, (Naham 1:7, Prov. 3:5) we engage HIS divine MIGHT. GOD loves it when He sees us decide to honor HIM with FAITH in HIS GOODNESS, MERCY & HELP. We live by faith Paul told the Romans (1:17) & that means that each day is an adventure directed by God (Ps. 32:8) that we can enjoy thru an active FAITH. You never arrive in your FAITH WALK. Luke 17:5 says, we are to increase our FAITH. Sometimes we feel like we have just begun our spiritual journey, because GOD always seems to be teaching us who HE really is. GOD has burst into your life to STAY. ENJOY HIM! In the 237 services I've done since Jan. 2, 2002, I truly ENJOY HIM & am honored to SERVE HIM (Matt. 20:28).

Until next month, may GOD bless you abundantly & to you who sent LOVE offerings, a 100-fold return.

In His Majesty's Service,

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