



FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN. UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

Sonapurhat, India
Christmas 2007

Dear Family and Friends,

Loving Christmas Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Simeon saw what he had waited to see and was satisfied. "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Luke 2:29, 30. We certainly rejoice as did Simeon and bow to worship HIM.

How will you celebrate Christmas, 2007? I especially like what J. I. Packer wrote in his book Knowing God: "We talk glibly of the Christmas spirit, rarely meaning more by this than sentimental jollity...It ought to mean the reproducing in human lives of the [temperament] of Him who for our sakes became poor—spending and being spent—to enrich their fellow men, giving time, thought, care, and concern to do good to others...in whatever way there seems need." We rejoice in Christ our Saviour and for the opportunity to continue to make Him known here in India.

Our Lord continued to bless His work here while I was out of the country for four months, from 7 July to 7 November. It was a joy to have some time with our family in USA and to meet and have fellowship with some of you. Now, I am thankful to be back in Sonapurhat and able to continue to serve Him here.

Many opportunities are afforded us to make Christ known at this season of the year. For these we are thankful and ask you to pray His blessings on all we do to make Him known. Please pray for us here in North India and for our pastors and people in our South India work.

Our daughter, Brenda Kay, and her husband, Michael, plan to be with us here in Sonapurhat for Christmas. It will be coming home for Brenda Kay. She will be among those with whom she grew up and all will rejoice together. Please pray His blessing on this special time together here.

We are thankful for our sons, Don and Mark, and their families and ask you to pray for them that Christ our Saviour will be honoured and glorified in all they do and the witness they give this Christmas.

May your Christmas be blessed and your New Year filled full of the best things our Lord has for you is our prayer.

Lovingly in Christ,

Carlisle Hanna and Family



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Charleston, SC, USA

Christmas 2008

Dear Family and Friends,

“Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee” at Christmas and all the year. My heart rejoices as I worship our Lord, whom God, our Father, sent to be our Savior.

It was a joy to arrive here in Charleston, SC in time to enjoy Thanksgiving with our family. I had been back in India just more than a year. Many of you not only have known of my need for visa and residence papers, but have prayed especially for this. After applying for a new visa, in India, I was given a notice to: “Quit India.” Many people prayed and a number helped us in India and I was permitted to stay, but only for short times. After many trips to Delhi and Kolkata, much pressure and prayer, I was granted a visa for four years with residence papers for one year on 17 November. (Our Sheila, Marie and I departed New York for India first on 17 October 1952.) Please rejoice with us in the doors open to us for His service.

India has been before people for sad reasons in 2008. Many watched the work of terrorists in action in Mumbai the end of November. There have been a number of like attacks this year. Some of you know that our brothers and sisters in Christ have suffered much for their faith in Christ this year in several states in India. In spite of such news, the Gospel is going forth in power and people are accepting Christ and will worship as new believers this Christmas. This has been one of our most fruitful years for our work in North India and Nepal.

We have wonderful opportunities to share Christ during the Christmas season. Please pray all of our pastors, evangelists and church planters will take advantage of every opportunity. Pray for their protection and each challenge they face as they bravely make Him known.

We were young when we went to India. Our parents, our siblings and their mates have gone on Home. Brenda Kay and I visited my only brother on his 90th birthday on 6 December in a Nursing Home. My one sister is still at home but is experiencing health challenges. She is older than I am. Only the three of us are left. Please pray for them. Our children and grandchildren are well and all very busy here in USA. Together, all our Hanna family are dedicated to taking Christ to India and His world.

Always, always we are thankful for you who pray and give and enable us to continue to serve in this field of great need still today.

May your Christmas be filled full with His joy and presence and your New Year richly blessed of our Lord is our prayer.

Lovingly in Christ,

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