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"Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people."

Luke 2:10 (NKJV)

"I bring good tidings", translates the word from which we derive evangelize or evangelism. This may cause us to call to mind the action surrounding this word: the sharing of the Good News through a Gospel presentation. Or it may bring thoughts of events that occurred in the life of Jesus. For the people in Jesus' day however, there was more to this word. It was not about actions and events; it was about the result. For in those days, the word was a proclamation of victory!

The history of Jesus' time reveals this word being consistently used by messengers from the battlefield in bringing news of a victory. It was the word those behind the city-walls longed to hear because it meant the battle had been won! And it was the word God's messengers used to proclaim to those in the struggle of sin and righteousness that the victory The LORD had decreed beforehand (Gen 3:15) had come to pass! How? "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

A tiny baby, wrapped in all the frailties of man (Gal 4:4), was born that night. He would grow up to be what the angels declared and the prophets had foretold: the Savior! God Himself had taken on flesh and come to earth to fight the battle for us. A battle that brought victory over sin and death, making peace with God and righteousness before Him a reality for all who will receive Jesus!

May the victory declared in the shepherd's field that night be a part of your worship and celebration of the Savior this Christmas!

Mardi Gras will be upon us before we know it. The dates for this mission are February 16th-21st. I have heard from some of their intent to be part of this witnessing opportunity. If you feel led to be a part of this mission, now is the time to make it known. Contact me at (618) 694-8199 or dennis@callofgrace.org.

Prayer Requests:

- Please stand in the gap for your Brothers and Sisters that we, as His people, would act with faith on the promise in 2 Chron 7:14.
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
- Please pray for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace.

Is there something we can pray for you? If so please let us know.

As we look back on this past year, Cindy and I are thankful to have been used by the Lord. He has allowed us to serve Him in multiple ways, proclaiming Jesus through His truth with love and grace. We are in awe of what He has done and continues to do and we look forward to what the new year will bring.

As well, we are grateful to the Lord for you. We are strengthened and encouraged by your prayers as we move forward at the Lord's direction. His providence through you pays for Gospel tracts, Bibles, and other items and expenses as we both reach out in Jesus' name and come alongside others, aiding them in their ministry for the Lord. For your part in this ministry, we thank you.

We pray the Lord will bless you and yours in the coming year with a profound illumination of His Goodness, His Providence, and His Presence!

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

As we celebrate this Christmas season, may we shout with joy..." Oh come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

Psalm 95:6 (NIV84)

Merry Christmas everyone!

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