



“Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them.” Mark 9:36 NKJV

Friends: May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and yours in the new year of 2024! Glory to our faithful God and Savior who blesses His people with every spiritual blessing in Christ. In our verse above, we see His heart of kindness and mercy as He took a little child and blessed him. And by His mercies and will He has enabled us to serve many children and families in evangelistic Christmas Outreaches again this year. In our outreaches, children received the gospel and compassionate care in Kenya, India, Zambia, Rwanda, the DRC, as well as in Uganda. Some of these were done in collaboration with our ministry friends Mission To Children, who encouraged us to reach more kids this year than we had planned -we set out to reach 8000, but the Lord brought that to over 11,000 kids and adults by far the largest Christmas Outreach ever for us! Children, youth, and adults were blessed with love, the gospel, a meal, a gift, fun, and with the hope that attends the blessed Christmas story. Professions of faith in Christ were made by children and adults, and we encouraged continuing ministry to children through Bible and Discipleship meetings in the local churches in all of the meeting places. In Uganda, our good friend and co-worker Pastor Alex Minge again taught children’s ministry workers in the use of children’s Discipleship materials for the subsequent children’s meetings in all outreaches he led throughout the country. Most of these were held in rural areas of Uganda. At the left, from the top down, are photos of outreaches in Kapelebyong, Tororo, Waki-si, and India (where Hindus professed faith in Christ). At the right from the top down are children we reached in Zambia

and Rwanda. The largest outreach was with over 1000 children, youth, and adults in Teso in Eastern Uganda. Pastor Alex shared these comments about the work in Akuya: “There was great joy among parents and children, everyone was very happy for the celebration.” Pastor Ronnie in Kampala,



who works with Street Kids, wrote: “We are so thankful to God. We shared the word of God, we had games and a lot of fun. Children had lunch and some gifts.” Alex also wrote: “Parents are very happy with the care given to their children.” In the DRC, Pastor Evariste blessed many children with bales of clothing. In Kenya and Uganda, in strong Muslim areas, children professed faith in Christ. We rejoice in the Lord’s grace that we could bring the good news and love to the children and people! Please pray for conversions, and good discipleship as we hope to bring many children into meetings in the churches. Thanks to all for your prayers and gifts to the work! May our Lord Immanuel be praised, worshipped, and loved in all places. He is worthy!!!

KAPPY'S CORNER—Hail the New
"Fast away the old year passes."

In answer to prayer, nothing happened in 2023. That is, nothing bad happened. We had no severe weather. We had no significant health problems. In answer to prayer, some very good things did happen. The pandemic was officially declared over (COVID is still around; we know some of you had it after the declaration. We've prayed for healing.). Jim traveled safely to six foreign countries and the state of Missouri—and he returned safely. While Jim traveled the world, I happily stayed put, kept the home fires burning, and prayed. The ministry flourished. At Christmas time, we celebrated the Son of God's first arrival with the recent addition of a beautiful, old family nativity set sent to us by my youngest sister. And we anticipated the second coming of the King of kings. Then, the old year passed peacefully.

"Hail the new, ye lads and lasses."

As 2024 begins, everything seems pretty much the same, but as we all know, things are prone to change. We don't know what's ahead but there's comfort to be found in the word of God. In the last few days, the verses of Zephaniah 3:14-17 in the New King James Version have captured my attention.

"Be glad and rejoice with all your heart." (v. 14c)

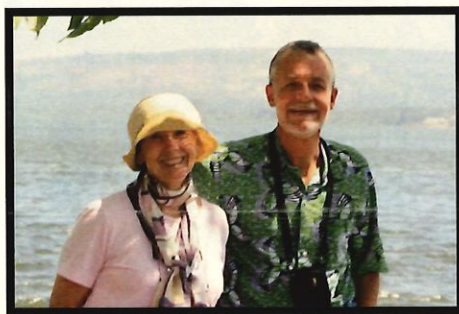
"The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst." (v. 15c)

"Do not fear; ...let not your hands be weak." (v. 16b&c)

However, verse 17 stands out to me as the most encouraging.

"The Lord your God in your midst,
The Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing."

What a picture of God's powerful presence, faithfulness, mercy, loving, kindness, affection, and protection! Can you imagine? God sings over us!



We don't know what direction this country will take. For that matter, we don't know how it will go with the world this year. What we do know is that nothing is outside of God's perfect control. We do know that we can—we must—trust Him with the big things and the minutest details of life.

May this year be filled with hope,
That God alone can bring;
May you rejoice in the
song of love,

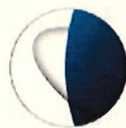
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That God alone can sing!

May our Lord bless you in His wonderful grace,

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