



Merry Christmas!



Merry Christmas Everyone.

Viola and I are grateful for all the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us here in Honduras over the past three years. Every need met...even some of our wants and we are very thankful.

You have heard me say this before but it deserves repeating. Jesus' birthday is the only party to which we are invited whereby we are the ones receiving the gifts. Of course, we have the pleasure of giving gifts as well, experiencing the joy that it brings not only to the recipient but to us also. The Lord too is blessed

when He sees us following His example of giving selflessly. This Christmas season, Viola and I desire that the Lord would impress upon your heart someone who could use your prayers, receive a gift of kindness and a blessing.

In addition to the blessings of this past year, we have had challenges too. The Lord knows that we have been through some fiery trials concerning relationships, family issues and the heartfelt burden of not being able to help with family matters because we are so far away. But during all those times, the Grace of God and His faithfulness have come through. My experience in those difficult times is that the Lord is not taken by surprise by anything. He is not caught off guard. However, He hopes that we will respond to the circumstances with His promises and that we will look to Him for the answers. We should be able to respond with His Word that is rooted deep within our heart. The problems start to escalate when that Word is not readily available in our thoughts, and flowing immediately from our lips. I am guilty of both...at times.

A New Year is before us and I am so looking forward to it. The reason? Because all is new...I've not lived 2007 so it's going to be another unexplored adventure! I am believing for a great outcome. I love good surprises... blessings...children being sponsored...teams visiting...lives changed...selling lots of coffee so we can feed the children. Those are the blessings that bring a smile to the Lord's face and those are the kinds of gifts that bring Him pleasure... me too.

2007 is going to be a year of a number of new beginnings for Viola and I. We will move into another house... we are becoming grandparents for the first time...we are starting new areas of ministry relating to His Secret Place...and we have to believe God to meet bigger and greater needs than ever before. Greater prayers and finances to do what He has called us to do.

Personal praise and prayers of agreement:

- Praise the Lord that our 5-year residency papers are presently in process.
- Praise the Lord for our new home that we will find soon.
- Thank the Lord for the safe and healthy delivery of our grandchildren in the New Year.
- Finances to visit our children and new grandchildren upon their arrival.
- Thanksgiving that the Lord continues to meet all of our needs.



Viola and I would like to wish you and your loved ones a very prosperous and satisfying New Year. We believe that blessings will chase you down and that you will have great favor with all people as you share the love of Jesus in your world.

Love,
Derm and Viola

