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Dear Prayer Partner,

Why do we celebrate Christmas? Some would say in today's secular society that it marks the Advent of the Christ child. Multitudes seem to get swept up in the Christmas spirit even those who are not professing Christians. There is no solid, documented evidence that Christ was born on December 25th. Although the Bible does not provide a specific date for the birth of Christ, it does give us some important indicators describing the events that lead to His birth in the town of Bethlehem.

We all celebrate Christmas in different ways but making Jesus the reason to celebrate Christmas makes this season more joyous and enjoyable to me. Jesus may not have been actually born on Christmas day but it doesn't really matter. What matters is that a Savior has been born to save people from their sins ([Matthew 1:21](#)).

This Christmas will mark my third Christmas without Daisey. Since her homegoing I have tried to keep busy here at home and in Brazil. I do what I can in my home church and on occasion I speak in a mission conference. I also have the blessing five to seven times a week, via the internet, of speaking in Brazil with pastors and fellow Christians. This year I was able to preach the anniversary services in three of the churches in Amazonas.

A man by the name of Tychicus is mentioned five times in the New Testament. He was a valued coworker and friend who knew Paul and his ministry closely. In one of Paul's final letters before his martyrdom he dispatched Tychicus to Ephesus (2 Timothy 4:12). Paul trusted Tychicus to encourage the believers with the knowledge that would help them grow in the Lord.

In many ways the attributes of Tychicus are reflected by your faithful prayers and financial support that enables me to continue serving the Lord here at home and in Brazil. I am deeply grateful for fellow coworkers like you who continue to come alongside the ministry we have in Brazil. **MERRY CHRISTMAS and thank you for helping me to carry out the Great Commission.**

Unworthily His,
Wendell Hiers

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