

# CHRISTMAS 2020

Christmas Greetings,

Enclosed you will find a bookmarker made from postage stamps we have collected from our journey as missionaries. Many were attached to a letter, with a note of responding to the gospel message.

God uses many ways to tell His message.

Gabriel to tell Mary *"You will be with child and give birth to a Son"*. Luke 1:26-33.

A dream to tell Joseph *"Mary will be with child, and give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Immanuel which means God with us"*. Matthew 1:18-24.

An Angel with a great company of the Heavenly Host to tell the Shepherds. *"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord"*. Luke 2:8-18

A Star for the Magi to follow *"Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the East and have come to worship him."* Matthew 2:1-12.

The Prophet Micah to tell of Jesus' first coming *"But you, Bethlehem, Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel whose origins are from old, from ancient times"* Micah 5:2

The disciple Matthew to tell us of Jesus' second coming *"They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great Glory."* Matthew 24:30-32.

We have been so blessed this year, and able to keep doing our work for Jesus with SIM. Just like many others the work has changed. About half of SIM missionaries stayed on the field. Our Doctors are still working, but many without the protective covering. Our Church planters have found new ways to share Christ. One missionary family found themselves in lock down. They began to hand out bags of rice with a Gospel message attached. The need was so great that they choose 10 elders of the village and gave them bags of rice with the Gospel message to pass out. Soon many came to their door wanting to know about the God of the Gospel message. It is the same message only shared in a different way.

Olivia our granddaughter stayed over-night and we watched the sunset, so she wanted to see the sunrise. In the morning we wrapped her in a blanket and Grandpa carried her outside. Soon the colors of morning started to appear in the sky and from her sleepy head she cried "Look Grandma, God is painting the sky for me, my favorite colors, pink, and blue." It was a beautiful sunrise. Oh, to see with childlike eyes.

May you see all your sunrises and sunsets as a picture painted just for you by God.

Thanks for being a part of our work. We pray you have a Christ filled Christmas, and a Blessed 2021.

Keep on for Jesus

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*Praying for you + yours*