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Christmas Greetings

As we approach this Christmas and write this greeting to all of you we reflect on why Jesus came that very first Christmas.

We're mindful that the greatest Christmas gift of all is Jesus and his unconditional love for us...loving us so much so that he died a cruel death so we might have eternal life. How wonderful that the proof of God's amazing love for us is that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

For us it means not getting so caught up with decorating, buying presents, hanging Christmas lights, etc., that we forget the one who is the "light" of the world. And it means remembering that there are many who are still in "darkness," maybe even family members, friends, and neighbors. That's especially true for those still in "darkness" without God's Word in a language that they can understand.

We are striving to bring the "light" of Jesus to all who are without it. There are now over 3,200 languages with at least some portion of Scripture but there are still approximately 160 million people in the world without access to any Scripture in their language.

Family News:

Cheryl along with her family planned a surprise birthday party for Dick's 70th birthday on December 3rd. What made it even more special was that Cheryl was surprised too as Dick's daughter and son-in-law came from Washington State, and Dick's son came from Arkansas. It was a great time for all!

Christmas is also a time when our thoughts turn to special people in our lives, and you are among them. For those of you who support us through your prayers and financial gifts, it's very heart warming and much appreciated.

We trust you will have a meaningful Christmas with your family and friends, and we wish you God's best now and in the New Year.

Grateful for His gift,

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