

Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus,

All is well except for the potholes and bumps as we serve our lord Jesus and I'm sure y'all have experience some of those potholes and bumps as y'all live and serve Him. I call it normal because this world is not our final destination.

Since the MX government is giving much grief and refusing to allow us to hire a deep water well driller, I have taken on the job myself and will soon be finished. Costing a tad more because of having to purchase equipment but it's getting done! Thank everyone that has given monies to get us a well with lots of WATER. Didn't know just how much water really means!!

On a personal note: My oldest son (Tony) is out of the hospital and recuperating at his apartment in Abilene, TX. Doing better and on the road to recovery, Lord willing. I still covet your prayer on his behalf.

Thank you for remembering Barb and I! We are very much aware that prayer from God's people is much more important than any amount of silver or gold. God hears and answers the earnest prayer of His people.

We must remember, there is all the difference in the world between Christmas and Christ. Millions make a holiday over Christmas and some and possibly many, often make a mockery over Christ. Too often Christ is cruelly crowded out of the Special day which is intended as a day/time to remember His birth. Holiness is hidden under a pile of holly and a wreath is hung higher than the cross and worst of all, the precious Lord Jesus all to often is supplemented by Santa Claus.

Without Jesus Christ, there can be no true Christmas! Without Him there is nothing about which to sing nor anything over which to rejoice. Outward merriment so often becomes an inward mockery to the lost and starved soul. It is time for all to turn to the prescription of doctor Luke: Let us meditate upon God's Holy Word:

"Unto you" ..... this is a personal message and there should be no evasion or denial; What have we done with the Lord Jesus Christ on this Christmas?

"This day" .... "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!" (II Cor. 9:15)

"A Saviour" ... this is Christ, the Precious One who went to the cruel cross for all of us. Because of His atoning death on the cross and all who receive Him becomes a "new creature in Christ Jesus". (II Cor 5:17)

From our home here in old Mexico to your home, Barb, I and our people here wish all of you a very merry Christmas and may our lord Jesus bess you and your family abundantly in 2024 as we all look for His soon return to take us to be with Him for evermore.

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