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As we look back on 2020 we know we have seen deeply troubling times with the covid pandemic and the devastation of people being sick, losing loved ones and even worse losing hope. However, the Lord gives us hope in Himself along with His peace and comfort.

So much looks different in terms of ministry. We do, though, rejoice that our God is the only God who opens doors no one can shut, and shuts doors no one can open. Our Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach still went forward through the help of our supporting churches and the assistance of people who gave their time and energy to pull it all off. One sister in Christ did the bulk of the shopping for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food box outreach for 100 families; and she did all of the shopping for Christmas gifts for 50 children. Several men and women, friends of our ministry, came on delivery day to pack up the vehicles and bring everything to the people. There are always devotionals inside the boxes and some opportunities to pray with folks.

Marvin's mailing ministry increased ten-fold since we have been at home and the Lord has blessed this so abundantly. The Christmas mailing this year included a Christmas card with a CD of worshipful Christmas music which proved to be a great source of encouragement. One sister called in tears to say that anxiety had been plaguing her for weeks, and the moment she put the CD on, it was as if light broke through and her anxiety lifted. We both agreed how the Lord knows how to meet us right where we are, even in these difficult times.

Time is something we are focused on these days: how much longer will this pandemic last, when will things get back to normal; how much longer until we do not need to think about such things as not hugging loved ones, not gathering for holidays, our children not being able to go to school? Thank God, time and timing are in the Hands of a loving and wise Father we can all trust. As it states in Scripture: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman; born under the law to that we might receive the adoption as sons. (Galatians 4:4-5)

We thank you for all of your support, for praying and giving to continue the ministry of bringing the Gospel and message of Hope which only Christ can give. Please keep on praying that we remain faithful to do His will.

May you know an amazingly blessed and encouraging new year as you stay close to the heart of God, who will never leave us nor forsake us.