

II Cor.4:5 "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord;"

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

It's Christmas time again! This is a joyous time to remember God's greatest gift to the world - His Son. It's a time to give thanks for the love of friends and family - one of my favorite of the year! With the passing of time, I realize more how we should take the opportunity to make a difference for others and tell them what they truly mean to us. Life is short, and nothing should be taken for granted.

Wow, what a different year 2020 has been! This year that has brought new challenges to each one of us whether it has been through changes, illnesses, or loss of a loved one, but even in all the trials and tribulations of this life... we have been blessed.

I thank the Lord for the privilege we had several weeks back to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the church in Tula. What a blessing it was in the midst of the covid situation! We had 380 in attendance Sunday morning with four saved and eleven following the Lord in believers baptism.

This Christmas season we are once again reminded of the perfect gift that God offers to all mankind - the gift of salvation. It is a personal gift, a practical gift, and a permanent gift. This past weekend, I had the opportunity to share this devotional with the ladies at the rehab center. Six of them trusted Christ as their Savior. How exciting it was!

We praise the Lord that we were able to have our Christmas program. The service was well attended, and we had several first time visitors but no professions of faith. For the first time, we had a Texas snowball fight of which the people enjoyed tremendously as many have never seen snow! We thank God for His goodness to us and the opportunity we had to once again share the Gospel.

We are thinking of you this holiday season and wishing you all the best for a prosperous and happy New Year.

In Christ,

Matt and Annetta Johnson

