Christmas Greetings from the Smith's

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Dear Family & Friends,

"And the angel said unto them, (Shepherds) Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." The Shepherds were the first to get the great news in Luke chapter 2, verse 11, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." They were the first to hear that the Saviour was born, but it was in God's plan from the beginning of time and it did not end with the shepherds or with you and I. There is still a big lost world that needs to hear the Saviour was born, that He also died on the old rugged cross and was buried, but that He is also a risen Saviour seated at the right hand of the Father, wanting others to hear what He did for them so that they can trust in Him too. May we as His children continue to tell the lost that Jesus Saves, keeps and satisfies.

We just finished our 'Journey Thru' Christmas' at our church here in Florida. The program runs for five nights with thousands walking through the 18 scenes of the journey from Bethlehem to the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Over 750 people made decisions to trust in the Lord. Lesley and I invited hundreds of people and helped giving out cookies and hot chocolate.....thousands of cookies made by the ladies of our church and about 320 gallons of hot chocolate. We had some late nights, but oh the joy of seeing and hearing of those who trust in Christ. Lesley had the joy of hearing one mother telling her that after going through the Journey and into the invitation room, that all of her children raised their hands indicating their desire to trust in Christ. She told Lesley "Oh, what a Christmas gift!" We could tell you of so much more, but this letter is not to be too long!

We won't say too much about the ministries we are involved with here as we shared those with you in our letter sent out last month. Please continue to pray for every area, the enemy is hitting hard these days.

Once again, we just want to say 'Thank You' for your love, prayers and faithfulness to us and to our Saviour. May each of you have a very blessed Christmas and may we all begin the New Year by loving and serving Him more.

Because He was Born and Rose Again,

Bill & Lesley