

For unto us a Child is Born.
unto us a Son is Given.

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"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life..." (I John 1:1)

Dear Praying Friends:

It is hard to grasp the idea that the eternal Son of God would come to us as "a little baby thing that made a woman cry." Many people saw the extraordinary in something others considered quite ordinary.

—Mary and Joseph held a newborn baby boy in their arms and obediently named Him Jesus, the One Who would save His people from their sins.

—The shepherds sought a newborn in a manger, believed He was the Savior, Christ the Lord, announced by the angels, and went out to spread the good news.

—Simeon held this baby in his arms, and rejoiced that he had seen God's salvation. Anna saw the baby and spread the news to all who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

—Learned men from the East traveled far, found a child on His mother's knees, were sure they had found the King of the Jews, and they presented valuable gifts and worshipped Him.

There was no halo, no hovering cherubs to mark this child as different from others, but seeking hearts immediately recognized Him and rejoiced.

Much of my time since returning from Haiti in September has been occupied with recovering from my hip fracture. I now understand how doctor visits, physical therapy sessions and exercises can take over a schedule. So many people have shared encouragement, prayers, meals and transportation. For them, those actions were quite ordinary, but their giving of time and resources was extraordinary to me, and I have thanked God many times for the great kindnesses shown.

Praise The doctor said on my last visit that he thinks the bone will heal and it will not be necessary to do a partial hip replacement. I am making progress in therapy and can now drive.

Although much of my fall schedule had to be cancelled, I did visit a supporting church and speak to a women's mission group. I was able to make the scheduled trip to California for a three-church missions conference. I presented the clinic work in three churches and talked to young adults.

The staff has been taking care of patients in my absence, as well as any problems on the property. **Prayer** Recovery can be a slow process, as I am learning. Thank you for praying for healing, but also pray that I will wait for God's time to return to Haiti, and have a good attitude about it.

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." (I John 1:3) John had been with Jesus during His ministry, seen Him crucified and risen from the dead. He wanted to share what he had personally experienced with others so that they could join this extraordinary fellowship. May that be our desire as we talk to those we meet.

Have a blessed Christmas!

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