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Greetings to you all,

We trust you all had a wonderful time remembering our Lord's birth this past Christmas season and are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for 2020. Usually Christmas is a busy time around most churches; here in Mysore, it is especially busy with special emphasis on evangelism while doing a Christmas play. Well, this past year we had two plays and both of them were well attended for which we thank God. There were many people who came for the very first time, and for a few, it was their first time in any church. Please pray that the message of the play, not just of the birth of Christ, but why Jesus came to this earth, will be understood by those first time visitors.

For the others who are either members or are familiar with our drama productions during Christmas, they were very appreciative of all the efforts, and we got a lot of positive compliments for which we praise the Lord. We are also thankful to the Mysore City Police who parked a large van load of police personnel just outside our church gate on Christmas Day to ensure...in their own words "that there would be no untoward incident caused by anti-social elements." These anti-social elements are people who want to cause trouble during Christmas. Praise God, everything went on well without incident.

In 2019 Joanne and I were able to see several people make a profession of faith for salvation, but the greatest joy out here is to see folks obey the Lord in the waters of baptism after they accept Christ as their Savior. For some, it comes at a price, but when they are willing to take that step and make their profession of faith public, we know they are taking a risk but are still willing to bear the name of Christ. In the last two weeks I was able to baptize six people, which is a blessing.

Another blessing is that our church building and the buildings surrounding the church finally got the 11B zoning status we were trying so hard to get. What should have taken one week to get, took us almost two years because of corruption at many levels of authority, but praise the Lord we were able to get it. There are other things we need to get done as well. Please be in prayer for all the legalities we are facing. Joanne and I want to thank those of you who were praying with us.

As many of you know, my family and I lived and ministered in Australia for a little while. Well, one of the couples who were in our home church will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary at the end of this year. They have decided to come all the way to India and have me preside over the ceremony where they renew their vows. I am humbled and thankful for the privilege of helping this couple renew their vows. Please pray for Australia. Some areas have been totally devastated by wild fires. Please pray for the people who are ministering there. I was told some folks who never prayed have started a Bible study after feeling the effects of the fires. Something good has come out of all that devastation.

In Christ,

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